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AND

THE RECORDS OF WALEWYN VAN DER VEEN, NOTARY PUBLIC

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PREFACE.

THE rules and laws, governing the actions of the Burgomasters of New Amsterdam, are probably laid down in *Rooseboom* "Receuil Van Weeten en Kostumen der Staden Amsterdam, 1656" (Collection of Laws and Customs of the City of Amsterdam) and in the *Schout Roll* van Amsterdam, not printed. Of the first named the late Dr. E. B. O'Callaghan (died 1880) had a copy, apparently the only one in the United States, and after his death it went into undiscoverable hands. Of the second the writer procured a copy from the city authorities of Amsterdam, when in charge of the manuscripts in the State Library at Albany, N. Y.; he placed this copy with others procured by him in the State Library, but it cannot be found again.

The text of the volume, now laid before the public, tells us, that considering the smallness of the place the duties of the Burgomasters were as diversified, as they are to-day, with the difference, that then their two worships had to do, what now the Mayor of New York mostly does by Commissions.

The appearance in this volume of the records of Walewyn van der Veen, a Notary Public, requires an explanation. Under Roman Law and its modifi-

cations in most countries of continental Europe, the Notary Public is a high official of the courts of law, who goes very nearly through the same course of legal studies as would be required of a judge, and most of the Universities have in their Faculty of Law a chair for Notarial duties; a document, sworn to before a Notary, needs not be verified by any court; a last will and testament, drawn up, signed and witnessed before and by a Notary, if left with him, needs no action by a Surrogate (except it be contested). In France and other countries, where the Roman Law has been modified by the Code Napoleon, the office and good will of a Notary can be purchased; in Germany the Crown rewards eminent lawyers with the right to act as Notaries Public.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF THE CITY OF NEW AMSTERDAM

1661–1664.

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the Worshipful Burgomasters of this City with the knowledge of the Director General and Council of New Netherland cede, convey and grant to Sybout Clasen, Burgher etc., a lot on the Southside of Hoogh (Stone) Street, bounded West by the house and lot of Rem Jansen, the smith, East and South by the lot behind the City Hall, North by said street, wide in front on the street and rear 20 feet wood-measure, long on the East and West 40f. same measure, all free and unencumbered and said Burgomasters acknowledge to have fully been paid on behalf of the City by said Sybout Clasen, with the conveyance of a lot outside of the Landgate, they therefore desist etc. etc. etc. November $\frac{17}{27}$, 1664.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY CORN. STEENWYCK
ISAACK GREVENRAAT P. L. VAN DE GRIFT

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., Sybout Clasen, Burgher etc., declared that by virtue of a patent of May 15, 1647, he cedes, conveys and grants to the Worshipful Burgomasters for the be-

hoof of this City a lot outside of the Landgate, wide in front along the highway (Broadway) 4 rods, running in length to the fence of Jan Damen, also 4r. in the rear, as stated in said patent, all free and unencumbered, for which lot grantor acknowledges to have been paid by the conveyance of a lot behind the City Hall etc. etc. etc. November $\frac{11}{21}$, 1664.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY SIBOUT CLASEN
ISAACK GREVENRAAT

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the Worshipful Burgomasters of this City cede, convey and grant to Pieter Wolfertsen van Couvenhoven, late Schepen, a lot on the Westside of the Prince Graft (Broad str.) bounded South by a street, West by the lot of the Hon^{ble} Petrus Stuyvesant, late Director General of New Netherland, North by the lot of Domine Samuel Drisius, preacher here, East by said Graft, wide in front on the Graft or Eastside and in the rear or West 60 feet woodmeasure, long on the North and South sides 100f. same measure, all free and unencumbered etc. etc. etc. November $\frac{13}{23}$, 1664.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY CORN. STEENWYCK
ISAACK GREVENRAAT P. L. VAN DE GRIFT

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the Hon^{ble} Nicolaas de Meyer, Schepen of this City, as attorney for Teunis Cornelissen Slingerlant, declared that by virtue of a deed of June 5, 1662, he cedes, conveys and grants to Sieur Antony de Milt, Burgher etc., said Slingerlant's house and lot on the East-

side of the Marketfield (Whitehall Str.), bounded South by the house and lot, where now lives the Hon^ble^ Allard Anthony, late Burgomaster and now Orphanmaster of this City, East by the lot of Claas van Elslandt, the elder, North by the Beavers Graft (Beaver Str.), West by said Marketfield, wide in front or in the West 20 feet and running in that width back to the line of said Claas van Elslandt, all free and unencumbered etc. etc. etc. November 21, 1664, O. S.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY NICOLAES DE MEYER

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the worthy Jan Meindersen from Jeveren, Burgher etc., declared that by virtue of a deed of June 18, 1664 (supra p. 147),* he cedes, conveys and grants to Sieur Arent Jansen Moesman a house and lot on the West-side of the Heere Straat (Broadway), bounded North by the house and lot of Cornelis Pluyvier, South by the garden, formerly belonging to the W. I. Company, according to said deed on the street or Eastside wide 4 rods 7in., on the West 4r., long on the North as well as Southside 7r. 6f. 4in., all free and unencumbered etc., for which property said Jan Meindersen acknowledges to have fully been paid by said Arent Jansen Moesman with the quantity of 26 whole beavers, therefore he desists etc. etc. etc. November 7, 1664.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY JAN MEINDERSEN

NICHOLAES DE MEYER

* Of Vol. VI, Records of New Amsterdam, published by the City of N. Y., 1897.

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the worthy Arent Evers* Molenaar, late Schoolmaster, Precentor and Comforter of the Sick at New Amstel, declared that with the knowledge of his father Evert Pietersen he cedes, conveys and grants to Sieur Jacques Couseau, late Schepen of this City, his right, title and claim in and to the monthly salary and board wages, due him from the Worshipful Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in Europe according to letters and documents, herewith delivered to said Cousseau and said Arent Evers acknowledges to have fully been paid by said Sieur Cousseau, therefore he desists from all further claims hereby and gives to said Cousseau actual and real possession thereof, so that he may do therewith *tanquam procurationem in rem propriam* etc. etc. etc. December $\frac{18}{20}$, 1664.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY ARENT EVERTS MOLENAER
NICOLAES D. MEYER

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the worthy Pieter Stoutenburgh, Burgher and inhabitant of this City, declared that by virtue of a deed of February 8, 1656, he cedes, conveys and grants to Tomas Major, also Burgher etc., a house and lot on the Eastside of the Heere Straat (Broadway), bounded North by the house and lot of Abraham Pietersen Molenaar (miller), South by the lot of Jan Jansen Brestee and according to said deed on the

* Keteltas.

said street or Westside 2 rods wide, in the rear or on the Eastside 1r. 9f. 2in., on the Southside along said Jan Jansen van Breste 5r. 4f. 3in., on the North 6r. 7f. 2in., all free and unencumbered, according to bill of sale, made before Secretary Joannes Nevius and witnesses November 29, 1663, etc. etc. etc. December $\frac{20}{30}$, 1664.

NICOLAES d MEYER PIETER STOUTENBURCH

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., Arent Lauwrenzen of the Village of Bergen declared, that that by virtue of a patent of May 10, 1662, he cedes, conveys and grants to Adam Onckelbagh, Burgher and inhabitant of this City, a house and lot on the Westside of the Smee (William) Street bounded North by the house and lot of Andries Andriessen, South by the house and lot of Tomas Verdon, wide on the Eastside 30 feet woodmeasure, on the West 33f., on the Southside 83f., on the North 88f., all free and unencumbered etc. etc. etc. January 31, 1664 O. S.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY ARENT LOURENS
NICOLAES d MEYER

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., Sieur Hendrick Jansen van der Vin, late Schepen of this City, declared that by virtue of a deed of February 14, 1658, he cedes, conveys and grants to the Hon^{ble} Oloff Stevensen van Cortlant, Burgomaster of this City, a house and lot on the Northside of the

Waal (East River, now Pearl Str.), bounded West by the Heere Graft (Broad Str.), North by the house and lot of Cornelis Meleyn, East by the house and lot of Sybout Clasen, South by said Waal and according to said deed in front on the street or Southside 18 feet wide and 60f. deep, all free and unencumbered etc. etc. etc. February 24, 1664, O. S.

JOHANNES DE PEYSTER HEND. J. VAN DER VIN
JACOB KIP

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the Hon^ble^ Oloff Stevensen van Cortlant, Burgomaster of this City, declared that by virtue of a deed of October 31, 1664, O. S. (supra p. 152) he cedes, conveys and grants to Sieur Hendrick Jansen van der Vin a house and lot (for description see deed Vis to Burgher p. 185).* February 24, 1664, O. S.

JOHANNES DE PEYSTER O. STEVENSEN V. CORTLANT
JACOB KIP

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., Sieur Jan Vinge, late Schepen of this City, and Pieter Stoutenburgh, as administrators of the estate, left by Raghel van Tienhoven dec'd., declare that by virtue of a patent of June 14, 1644, they cede, convey and grant to Huybert Hendricksen a lot in the Smits Valley (East River, now Pearl Str.), bounded North by a path going to the farm house of said Raghel van Tienhoven's heirs, South by the house and lot of Pieter Lauwerensen, West by the lot of

* In Vol. VI, Records of New Amsterdam, as above.

said heirs, East by the shore of the East River, wide and long as measured by the sworn Surveyor Jacques Corteljau, that is on the Southside 26 feet 2in. woodmeasure, on the North 27f. 3in. same measure, on the East 15 rods, on the West 14r. 10f., all free and unencumbered etc. etc. etc. May $\frac{13}{23}$, 1665.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY J. VINGE
PIETER STOUTENBURCH

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., Sieur Jan Vinge, late Schepen of this City, and Pieter Stoutenburgh, as administrators of the estate, left by Raghel van Tienhoven dec'd., declared that by virtue of a patent of June 14, 1644, they cede, convey and grant to Joost Carelsen a lot in the Smits Valley (East River, now Pearl Str.), bounded North by the house and lot of Stoffel Elswaart; South by the house and lot of Hendrick Lambertsen Mol, West by the lot of said Raghel van Tienhoven's heirs, East by the shore of the East River, and as measured by the sworn Surveyor Jacques Corteljau July 3, 1660, 24 feet, 6in., woodmeasure, wide on the South and Northsides, on the Eastside 15 rods 8f. long, on the Westside 15r. 5f., all free and unencumbered etc. etc. etc. May $\frac{13}{23}$, 1665.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY J. VINGE
PIETER STOUTENBURCH

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., Geertje Jans, widow of Reyer Stoffelsen dec'd., declared that

by virtue of a deed of September 10, 1655, she cedes, conveys and grants to their Worships, the Burgomasters of this City, for the behalf of the City, a lot outside of the Watergate (Pearl Str., corner of Wall), East of the North East Point* and as measured by the sworn Surveyor Jacques Cortel-jau 2 rods wide on the Southside, 2r. 12f. wood-measure on the North, 7r. 7f. deep, all free and un-encumbered etc. etc, etc. March 7, 1665, O. S.

This is the mark of

GEERTJE + JANS, widow of REYER
TIMOTHEUS GABRY
JOHANNES VAN BRUGH STOFFELSEN, made by herself

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., their Worships, the Burgomasters of this City declared, that with the knowledge of the late Hon^ble^ Director General and Council of New Netherland they cede, convey and grant to Geertje Jans, widow of Reyer Stoffelsen, a lot on the Southside of Hoogh (Stone) Street, bounded West by the lot of Sybout Clasen, East and South by the lot behind the City Hall, North by said street, measuring in front on the street and in the rear 20 feet woodmeasure, long on the East and West 40f. same measure, all free and unencumbered etc. etc. etc. March 7, 1665, O. S.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY CORN. STEENWYCK
JOHANNES VAN BRUGH O. STEVENSEN V. CORTLANT

* Probably the battery, erected there.

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the worthy Allert Coninck, Burgher etc., declared that by virtue of a deed of April 25, 1663, (supra p. 135), he cedes, conveys and grants to Abraham Kermel, also Burgher etc., a house and lot on the Cingel (for description see the quoted deed). March 9, 1665, O. S.

JOHANNES VAN BRUGH ALLERT CONINGH
JOHANNES DE PEYSTER

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the worthy Arien Huybertsen, Burgher etc., declared that by virtue of a deed of January 28, 1663, he cedes, conveys and grants to Meindert Barentsen, also Burgher etc., a house and lot on the Northside of the Hoogh (Stone) Street, bounded West by the house and lot of Sieur Tielman van Vleeck, Schout of the Village of Bergen, East by the house and lot of Wessel Evertsen, North by the Slyck Steegh (South William Str.), South by Hoogh Street, and according to said deed in front on the street 18 feet 2in. woodmeasure wide, same width on the Northside, long on the West 8 rods 9f., on the East 9r. 2f., all free and unencumbered etc. etc. etc. March 17, 1665, O. S.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY ADRIAEN HUYBERSE STEREVELT

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., Mr. Tomas Wandel of Mispats Kil declared, that by virtue of a deed of March 28, 1658, he cedes, conveys and grants to Jacob Teunissen, Burgher etc.,

a house and lot on the Northside of the Beaver Graft (Beaver Str.), bounded West by the house and lot of said Jacob Teunissen, North by the tan-yard of Coenraat ten Eyck, East by the lot of Touseun Bryel, South by said street, wide in front on the street or Southside 29 feet, on the Northside 25f., long on the East and West 142f. all woodmeasure, and all free and unencumbered etc. etc. etc. April 27, 1665, O. S.

JOHANNES DE PEYSTER THOMAS WANDELL
TIMOTHEUS GABRY

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the worthy Engelbert Steenhuysen, living in the Village of Bergen in this Province, declared that by virtue of a deed of March 10, 1663, he cedes, conveys and grants to Hendrick van Doesburgh, Burgher and inhabitant of this City, a house and lot on the Northside of the Slyck Steegh (South William Str.), bounded West by grantor's lot, North by the lot of Sieur Daniel Vervelen, East by the lot of Sieur Joannes Withart, South by said street, wide in front on the street or Southside 20 feet woodmeasure, on the North 19f., long on the West and Eastsides 90f., all free and unencumbered, etc. etc, etc. June 9, 1665, O. S.

TIMOTHEUS GABRY ENGELBERT STEENHUYS
JOHANNES VAN BRUGH

Before us, the undersigned Schepens etc., the worthy Jan Joosten, Burgher etc., declared that by

virtue of a deed of September 2, 1661, (supra p. 137–8), he cedes, conveys and grants to Jacob Teunissen Kay, a house and lot (for description see the quoted deed, Pieter Lucassen having become the neighbor on the East vice Nicolas Boot). June $\frac{18}{28}$, 1665.

JACOB KIP JAN JOOSTEN

THE RECORDS OF WALEWYN VAN DER VEEN, NOTARY PUBLIC.

THE RECORDS OF WALEWYN VAN DER VEEN, NOTARY PUBLIC.

(In Vol. VI. Burgomasters & Schepens)

Paper so broken, that from the first page it is only possible to gather, that Daniel Va. . . and Christoffel Hoogland appear to empower Nathaniel Green to collect some debts. Witnessed by Lauwerens van de Spighel and Jacobus van de Water on the 20th. . . .

Appeared * * * * (paper broken) * * * * the worthy Nathaniel (Green?), living at Boston * * *, who declared, that he constitutes * * * Daniel van Donck and Cristoffel Hooghlandt, of this City merchants, to (sue) together or singly Jeems Mils or his attorney because of an attachment laid on his person. etc. etc. etc. Date gone.

Lauwerens van de Spighel Nathaniel Green
Jacobus van de Water

Quod attestor : Wal. van der Veen, Not. Publ.

On the . . . day of May (?), 1662, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public * * * * and before the belownamed witnesses Eghbert Beninck, a resident of this City, who acknowledged

to be indebted to Dirck Jansen from Oldenburgh for the sum of 420 fl., Holland currency, for goods and merchandize, by him bought and received: which said sum he promises to pay in letters of exchange in the Fatherland to the order of said Dirck Jansen and for this purpose proper exchange shall be sent home by the first ships, under the condition, that in case the drafts aforesaid should not be accepted or paid, he, Beninck, promises to pay here promptly and without delay to said Dirck Jansen or his order the sum of 1260 fl. in wampum for change and re-change with 10 per cent annual interest until actually paid, for which he, Beninck, engages his person and property, present and future, here, in the Fatherland or elsewhere, submitting to all laws and courts. Thus done and signed at Amsterdam aforesaid in the presence of Cornelis van Langevelde and Jacobus van de Water called in as credible witnesses, who have also signed this record with me, the Notary.

EGBERT BEENINCK

CORNELIS VAN LANGHEVELDE Quod attestor
J. VAN DE WATER WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. publ.

On the 20th * * * * appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, * * * * * * * * * Françoys Gay, at present soldier in the (Company?) of the Hon^ble^ Director General in the service of the Priv. W. I. Company, who declared to have constituted and empowered hereby in the best and most legal form Jacques de Payean, to collect, in his, the

principal's, name from their Worships, the Burgomasters of Amsterdam in Holland, such sums of money, as are due him as pay for his service as soldier as aforesaid in their colony on the South River under the orders of Directors Jacob Alrichs and Alexander de Inyiese (d'Hinoyossa), according to the documentary proof thereof: he authorizes his attorney to give acquittance on receipt and to protect against later demands and to do all that is necessary in such manner, as if he, the principal, were present, all *cum potestate substituendi* (with the power of substituting another); promising to ratify, what his attorney or the substitute of the latter shall have done under his power. Thus done etc

J. HUGUES — FRANÇOIS GAY
BERNARD STORDEUR — Quod attestor
JAN DE RUYTER. — WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. pub.

On the 15th of June 1662 appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, admitted by the Honble Director General and Council and residing at Amsterdam in New Netherland, and the below named witnesses the worthy Cornelis van (from) Langevelde,* Burgher and inhabitant here, to me well known, who declared to have sold to Jan Arcer, who also appeared and declared to have bought, his half of a yacht with all belonging to it, as she now lies in port here in the North River, (the other half belonging to Albert Albertsen), for £15

*A village in South Holland.

stg. payable in New England valuation; first 100 lbs. of lead within one month and the balance between this date and next Christmas in Indian corn, wheat or pease at New England market price. The seller is to deliver to the purchaser the half of said yacht within a month from date, one to three days not counted, at Stamfort, the aforesaid Albert Albertsen being present and consenting to the delivery. For the carrying out of this sale the two parties engage their respective persons and goods, submitting them to all courts and laws. Thus done and signed at Amsterdam aforesaid in the presence of Gerret Gerretsen and Jacobus van de Water, called in as credible witnesses, who signed this record with the parties and me, the Notary.

GERRET GERRETSEN CORNELIS VAN LANGHEVELDE
JACOBUS VAN DE WATER JAN ARCER
In witness WALEWYN VAN DER VEEN, Not. publ.

This day, the * * * * *, appeared before me Walewyn van der Veen etc. etc. David Machor, a Jew, who at the request of * * * * * Lentfieldt declared, that in the beginning of the month of June, this year, he, being in the Village of Vlissing (Flushing on Long Island, [has heard], that said Lentfieldt was to receive from Willem Laurensen, Schout of said village, some ankers of distilled waters and that Lentfieldt asked Willem Lourrens: "What shall I do about the duties on said waters?", whereupon Lourensen answered: "You need not trouble your-

self about that, I shall attend to it." Herewith affiant closed his testimony, offering to confirm the same under oath, if required. Thus done and signed at Amsterdam in the presence of Tomas Lambersen and Pieter van de Water, called in as credible witnesses, who signed this record with the affiant and me, the Notary.

TOMAS LAMBERSEN DAVID MACHORO
PIETER VAN DE WATER Quod attestor
WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. publ.

In the Name of God! On the 21st of August in the year 1662 after the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christus at about 9 o'.c.' in the evening appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public etc. etc., the worthy Juriaen Blanck and the honest Tryntie Klaessen, husband and wife, to me well known, both in possession of their reason, memory and power of speech, as they proved to us, the Notary and witnesses. Considering the shortness of human life, the certainty of death and the uncertain hour thereof and wishing to anticipate it by proper provision, they declare, that well advisedly, without being misled or fraudently persuaded by anybody, after first recommending their souls to the merciful hands of Almighty God and their bodies to an honest burial, further revoking and herewith annulling all former testaments or records of last will, by them heretofore made singly or together, not wishing that anybody may make use of such instrument, the same

with all its clauses, paragraphs and bequest, being hereby declared worthless, void and powerless,— they now come anew to dispose of the estate, given them by God, which they may leave behind. They testify, that they give to each other, out of their love as married people, all the proceeds and benefits from all property, which the first dying shall leave, owned apparently or really, while both are living, to be by the survivor used, enjoyed, owned and administered during life or until remarriage: they wish, that the survivor may so use and enjoy the estate without being bound to give account or inventory to (their) children, born in this marriage or in a former, to any one next of kin nor to the Orphanmasters of this or any other place nor to any body else, much less to give bail, notwithstanding some laws or ordinances of the Orphans Court of this or another place may call for it, which in this case they do not want to be operative, as they mutually trust each other and are sure, that the survivor will not defraud his or her children, but rather give them all possible assistance: thus the survivor shall be bound honestly to bring up their children, clothe them, make them go to school, provide for all their needs, let them learn a trade or an art, by which they may earn their own living, educate them to be virtuous, teach them to know and fear God and to endow them, when they marry or arrive at some other approved condition, as the estate will allow in conscience and equity. The survivor shall, in doing so, have full

credit, without being compelled to render an account or give inventory, adding what said children and the child of a former marriage have received for their education and as marriage portion to their legitimate share. And of what testators shall leave behind in real and personal property, shares and credits of whatever nature and wherever they may be, nothing excepted, they name and constitute as heirs, as they herewith do, the children of their marriage now living and whom by God's blessing they still may have, who shall be alive, when they, the testators die, also the son of the testatrix, Simon Barentsen, begotten in her former marriage with Barent Simonsen, who is to receive a just * * * share of his mother's property and if he dies testators' child or children shall so inherit.

But if the survivor of the testators should marry again, he or she shall be held, before such remarriage takes place, to give, before a Notary and witnesses without the Orphanmasters of this or any other place, to said child or children an account of one half of their fathers or mothers estate, as then in existence, which shall then be administered by the survivor and by guardians, to be appointed by the survivor without the Orphanmasters, for the benefit of said children, testators appointing to this end the survivor as principal guardian, giving such guardian general and special power to associate with him or herself fellow or testamentary guardians, as required by law and these shall have the power and are directed to

appoint other associate guardians in case of death, well advisedly excluding the Orphanmasters of this or any other place, where they, testators, may die, not desiring that they shall in any way concern themselves about the estate, much less have any management of or authority over their children's property and they herewith respectfully give their thanks to the Hon[ble] Orphanmasters and absolve them from all troubles, any laws, statutes or ordinances of Orphans Courts of this and other places to the contrary notwithstanding, the authority of which they herewith absolutely and advisedly deny.

Further, if it should happen, that both testators were to die, before their aforesaid children are or are found to be in condition honestly to earn their living, they, the testators, will and expressly direct, that their aforesaid children shall receive sustenance out of the estate and property to be left by them, the testators, until the children all together and each singly, are able honestly to support themselves, without any deduction being made therefor from their deceased parents' estate.

Testators further order all their said children and testatrix her son by her first marriage to observe and obey their wishes in all their form and tenour on pain, that whosoever directly or indirectly opposes or endeavours to oppose this testament in law or out of it shall lose whatever is given him here except the legal and legitimate share belonging to him, on condition that then the bringing up, and other

moneys, laid out for testatrix' son by her former marriage shall be paid from the estate and the obedient children are substituted for the contravener.

After the preceding had clearly and distinctly been read to them the testators declared this to be their testament and last will, desiring that it may be considered so or as codicill, donation among living or because of death and have effect as such, even if some legal solemnities were not herein fully observed and they requested me, the Notary, to give copies thereof under the conditions, of which they gave me an account. Thus done and executed in this City, at my, the Notary's, house in the presence of Pieter Jacobsen Marius and Jacobus van de Water, both neighbours called in the testators as witnesses, who have signed this record with them and me on the day and year above written.

PIETER JACOBSEN MARIUS JURYAN BLANCK
JACOBUS VAN DER WATER

This is the mark of TRYNTJE KLAESSEN

WAL. VAN DER VEEN,* Not. Pub.

In the Name of God! On the 23^{d} of August in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ 1662, about 10 o.'c.' p. m. appeared before me, Walewyn van der

*The Veen is a fenn, but there is also a village of the name Veen in North Brabant.

Veen, Notary Public, etc. etc., the worthy Sieur Johannes van Brugh, and the honest Mrs. Catharina Roeloffs, husband and wife, to me well known, [almost literally the same as preceding, the names of the children not being given, except Catharine's children by her first marriage with Lucas Rodenburgh, to-wit Elizabeth and Lucretia.]

To-day, the * * * of September 1662, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public etc., Sieur Anthony van (from) Aelst,* merchant, now about to sail for the Fatherland, who declared, that by virtue of a power of attorney, executed by Sieur Willem Hartoch, merchant at Amsterdam in Holland, as heir of his deceased brother Harmanus Hertoch before Notary Jan Quirynen and witnesses on the 10th of May 1661, containing a clause of substitution, and shown to us, the Notary and witnesses, he substitutes and empowers in his place Tomas Lambertsen, Burgher and inhabitant here, to demand and receive in the name and for the behoof of his constituent as aforesaid from each debtor in New Netherland and elsewhere in this part of the world what he owes to said Harmanus Hartoch according to the respective accounts,—to give acquittance for what he receives and guarantee against a further demand, to sue before all Courts, to hear sentence,

* A village in the Province of Limburg and another in Zeeland.

to call for its execution and to do all that is required according to aforesaid power of attorney, as if he, van Aelst, were present and would do it, promising at all times to ratify what said substitute shall have done by virtue of this power, provided that said substitute, when called upon, shall be held to give a proper account of his actions and receipts. Thus done etc etc etc.

SYBRANT JANSEN ANTHONY VAN AELST
JACOBUS VAN DE WATER Quod attestor
WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

Before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc. etc. appeared Cornelis van Langevelde, Burgher and inhabitant of this City, to me, the Notary, well known, who as husband and guardian of his wife Maritie Jans, daughter and heiress of Jan Cornelissen from Rotterdam dec'd., also called Joncker and murdered by the Indians here in the year 1643,—declared that he constitutes and appoints in the most binding legal manner Sieur Andries Jeremiassen Spieringh, merchant, now about to sail for Holland, as his attorney, to demand and receive in his, the constituents name, as aforesaid, from Cornelis Pieter Willemsen, living in the Village of Goudneer(?),* near Tienhoove in the Alblasser Waert, and from Grietie Adriaens, widow of Adriaen Cornelissen

* This name is very indistinctly written in the original and probably is meant for Goudriaan, a village in the Province of Utrecht, District of Alblas or Alblasser Waart.

Joncker, living near Jochum in the neighbourhood, called the Haes, respectively brother-in-law and brother's widow of the aforesaid Jan Cornelissen from Rotterdam, wherever they now may be living, all such moneys, capital and interest, as are due to constituent's wife for a third share of the inheritance from her aforesaid father, remaining in the charge of her above named uncle and aunt according to returns thereof. Said attorney is empowered to give acquittance for what he receives etc. etc. etc cum *potestate substituendi.* Thus done etc. September 4, 1662.

JACOBUS VAN DE WATER CORNELIS VAN LANGEVELDE
CLAES VAN ELSLANT Quod attestor—
WAL. VAN DER VEEN.

Before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Not. Publ., etc. etc., appeared Jochim Wesselsen, baker, living in the Village of Beverwyck, to me, the Notary, well known, who declared that he hereby authorizes and empowers in the most binding legal manner the worthy Hendrick Willemsen and Juriaen Blanck, both inhabitants of this City, and each of them singly, to prosecute his case against Tomas Jansen, now before the Worshipful Court of this City, concerning the pretended purchase of a house, either as plaintiffs or defendants, to produce proof by witnesses, to contest testimony, to ask for justice and judgment, to try to have the same executed or to appeal from the same, if they are so advised and

generally to do in this case, as constituent himself would do, if present, etc. etc. etc. Thus done etc September 13, 1662.

CORNELIS VAN LANGEVELDE JOCHEM BAKER
JACOBUS VAN DE WATER

WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

To-day, the 15th of September 1662, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Ariaen Simonsen, about to sail for Holland, who declared to be truly indebted to Sieur Jeronimus Ebbinck, late Schepen of this City, in the sum of 50 fl., Holland currency, for merchandize by him received, which said sum of 50 fl. in specie said Ariaen Simonsen promises to pay to said Ebbinck or his order upon his arrival in Holland without delay, binding herewith his person and property, present and future, placing the same at the disposal of all laws and judges for the return of said sum without expense. Thus done etc

JACOBUS VAN DE WATER ARYAN SYMENSEN
LOUWERENS VAN DE SPIGHEL

WAL. VAN DER VEEN, N. P.

To-day, the 14th of October, 1662, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., the worthy Tomas Lambertsen, Burgher and inhabitant of this City, who—as substitute of Sieur Anthony van Aelst, attorney for Sieur Willem Hartoch, heir of his dec'd brother, Harmanus Hartoch by virtue

of a power of attorney, made before Notary Jan Quirynen and witnesses at Amsterdam in Holland May 10, 1661, and containing a clause of substitution, which was shown us, the Notary and witnesses, with the document of such substitution, made before us September 2 of this year,—declared that he hereby constitutes and empowers as his substitute attorney in the most binding legal manner Sieur Nicolaes Boot, merchant now about to remove to Virginia, that he may demand in his, the constituent's name, and receive from Tomas Adams, also called Kingsen, now in the Virginias, 2650 lbs. of tobacco according to an obligation by him signed before the Hon^ble^ Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary of the Hon^ble^ Director General and Council of this Province in the service of the Priv. West India Company on behalf of Jacob van Leeuwen, and by said van Leeuwen legally endorsed and transferred to said Hermanus Hartoch, according to proof; to give acquittance, guarantee against further demands etc. Thus done etc etc etc.
JACOBUS VAN DE WATER TOMAS LAMBERTSEN
HENDRICK BOSCH WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

To-day, the 23^d^ of October, 1662, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., the virtuous Annetie Dircks, widow of Pieter Kook, who in the presence of myself, the Notary, for this case chosen by her as guardian, declared that she has really sold, herewith confirming the sale, to Hendrick Jansen Spieringh, who also appearing

acknowledges to have bought, three months ago, for the sum of 700 fl. in wampum 25 morgens (about 50 acres) of land on the Westside of the North River, adjoining the land of Dirck Sielen (?), being one half of 50 morgens, granted to Klaes Karstensen, the Norman, March 25, 1647, as proved by the patent thereof: this half beginning at the corner of the land and stretching along the land of said Dirck Sielen N. N. W. towards the woods. She acknowledges to have been fully paid by the purchaser for the land and therefore he may actually enter upon and own it, she promising to give him as soon as possible a proper deed therefor and together they will hold this transaction as binding under engagement of their resp. persons and property, submitting them to all courts and laws. Thus done in the presence of Pieter Jansen, mason, and Bartholomeus van Schel etc.

PIETER JEHANSEN This is the mark of ANNETIE DIRCKS

BARTHOLOMEUS VAN SCHEL HINRICH JANSEN SPIRGH

WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

To-day, the 23. of October, 1662, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Annetie Dircks, widow of Pieter Kook, who in the presence of myself, the Notary, for this occasion by her chosen as guardian, declared that she has sold, as she herewith does, to Willem Janse Roome, who also appearing acknowledges to have bought about

3 months ago for 700 fl. in wampum and 20 barrels of lime, payable in three instalments, 25 morgens (about 50 acres) of land on the Westside of the North River, adjoining the land of Hendrick Jansen Spieringh and East of Lubbert Tysen's land, being one half of 50 morgens, granted to Klaes Karstensen the Norman March 25, 1647, as proved by the patent thereof: said half beginning at a corner and stretching N. N. W. along said Spieringhs land towards the woods. The first instalment is to become due in March, 1663, to-wit 200 fl., the second of 250 fl. in November, 1664, the third and last also of 250 fl. in November, 1665, and the lime shall be delivered, when purchaser enters upon the land, which he may do directly, while the transfer by deed, conform to the patent, shall be made properly upon payment of the last instalment. Both parties promise to hold this transaction as binding etc. Thus done etc.

PETER JOHANSEN The mark of ANNETIE DIRCKS
BARTHOLOMEUS VAN SCHEL WILLEM JANSE ROOM
WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

Before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., appeared the worthy Dirck Jansen from Oldenburgh, Burgher and inhabitant of this City, who declared that on the 26th of October of this year 1662 he sold, herewith confirming the sale, to Mr. Deliverance Lamberton, an English merchant of New Haven in New England, who also appearing acknowledged

to have bought on the said day, a sloop, called the *Hoop* (Hope), now here in port, with all belonging thereto according to inventory for 2000 fl., payable in good merchantable tobacco, to be delivered here free of charges in May 1663; said sloop purchaser acknowledges to have already been delivered to him and he therefore promises promptly to pay here said 2000 fl. to the seller or his order, for which he first and specially binds said sloop, bought by him, with all its belongings and further his person and property, present and future, nothing excepted, placing the same at the disposal of all courts and laws, that the aforesaid sum may be received without expense or loss. Thus done etc, November 5, 1662.

RICHARD CODNER DELIVERANCE LAMBERTON
JACOBUS VAN DE WATER DIERCK JANSEN
JAN JANSEN BOSCH, Scotchman*

WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

Copy given to Dirck Jansen May 15, 1663.

Before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., appeared the worthy Sieur Jeronimus Ebbinck, merchant here, who declared, that he constitutes and authorizes as attorneys Messrs. Gerardt Hamel and Jacob van Wisselt, merchants at Amsterdam in Holland, singly and jointly, to demand and receive in his, the constituant's name and for his behoof from Mr. Aler (?) de Decker such moneys, amount-

* This appellation does not necessarily mean, that the man came from Scotland, for travelling salesmen were also called so.

ing to about 75 fl., inherited from his deceased aunt. Adriaene de la Croix, which is deposited with said de Decker, according to returns; said attorneys are authorized to give acquittance, etc. etc. etc. January 2, 1663.

J. BACKER JERONIMUS EBBINCK
JACOB VAN DE WATER. WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

Before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., appeared the worthy Sieur Johannes van Brugh, merchant here, who declared, that he has revoked and annulled, as he hereby does, a power of attorney, given by him in the last days of August or first days of September 1658 and signed before Notary Mateeuws de Vos to his uncle, Sieur Gilles van Brugghe of Amsterdam in Holland, not wishing that said Sieur Gillis shall henceforth act in his, the subscriber's, name and having made said power of attorney utterly worthless and null he further declares, that he hereby empowers and constitutes as his attorney in the most binding legal manner Sieur Gerret Arentsen Zuyd, also merchant of Amsterdam in Holland, specially to demand and receive in his, the constituant's, name from the Lords Directors of the West India Company the sum of 1435 fl. 7 st., balance of a larger sum, as proved by accounts in the hands of said Gillis van Brugge, also a bond of 2804 fl. 14 st., given by the Hon^ble^ Director General Petrus Stuyvesant in Curaçao June 9, 1655, and sent by constituant to said Gillis van Brugghe by the

ship the *Trouwe* (Faith) August 28, 1662, which bond attorney is to demand from said van Brugghe and receiving it give acquittance for it and further to do etc., *cum potestate substituendi.*

JOHANNES DE PEYSTER . JOHANNES VAN BRUGH
J. VAN DE WATER

Quod attestor: WAL.VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

The last will of Cornelis van Langevelde and wife Maritie Jans Joncker, called from Rotterdam, made February 7, 1663, mentions as children Cornelis and Jan van Langevelde and an expected child, also jewels, gold and silverware.

To-day, the 15th of February 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Maritie Tomas, formerly widow of Jacob Verdon, then of Willem Ariaensen Bennet and now wife of Mr. Poulus van der Beeck, who at the request of her sons, Tomas Jacobsen Verdon and Willem Willemsen Bennet by her aforesaid first and second husbands declared, that after the death of her said second husband Willem Ariaensen Bennet she and her first child's guardians have found, as there had never been a partition of their property in common, which she brought to her present husband, Mr. Paulus van der Beeck, that [the estate consisted] after her house had been burned and destroyed in the war with the savages about 19 years ago, first of a bouwery and valley at Gouwanes according to the patent

thereof, then a lot with a house on the Beavers Graft (Beaver Street) in this City, upon which there were still to be paid 100 fl., further a handmill with belongings, sold by her present husband van der Beeck to Albert Pietersen Molenaer (miller), also a press with belongings to set up a cornstack, four iron hoops for a stack, a plough share and what else belongs to a plough, a cow with her first calf, two goats, 70 skepels of wheat, a hogshead of spun tobacco, delivered at 14 st. the pound, and cash paid for it and received, half an aem of brandy; besides the aforesaid her said second husband's cooper's tools with furniture and household goods. Said estate was however indebted for 600 fl. to be paid to Jacob Stoffelsen for a mare, which having been paid said Jacob Stoffelsen gave her, the affiant, for the prompt payment a cow with her first calf. Herewith she closed her deposition promising, if necessary and she be asked, to confirm it under oath. Thus done and signed in the presence of Jacob Sam and Willem Bogardt as witnesses, who signed this record with me, the Notary, on the day as above.

JACOB SAM The mark + of MARITIE TOMAS
W. BOGARD

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

To-day, the 17th of February 1663, before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., appeared Maritie Jans Joncke, widow of the late Cornelis van Langevelde, now in childbed and sick a-bed of chil-

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dren's pocks, who declared, if the Lord pleased to take her out of this world to his eternal kingdom through this illness, that on her woman's troth and according to the best of her knowledge, what is hereafter written and that the following persons are in her debt and there is due her :

1. From Jan Arcer, called Jan Koopal the younger, living at Stamfort in New England for half a yacht, according to notarial contract, £50 stg., payable in New England value, on which is paid a tub of butter of about 56 lbs., English weight, and 5 bushels of maize.

2. From Teunis Slingerlandt, living at Fort Orange, a balance of 113 fl. 4 st. in wampum.

3. From the miller at Narrewack (Norwich) in New England, Nathaniel Mason, 12 bushels of maize according to bond in the hands of said Jan Coopall.

4. A hogshead of prunes in partnership with Albert Albertsen on halves, standing at Jan Arcer's or Coopals aforesaid.

5. Also standing at said Arcer's 4½ bushels of maize in partnership with said Albert.

6. Further in partnership as aforesaid 1½ bushels of maize with 13 to 14 lbs. of butter, due in Stamfort.

7. From Albert Albertsen aforesaid 21 fl. for half of a rope, New England pay.

8. From the same Albert for seven deerskins 14 lbs. of butter. Said Albert Albertsen, being present,

affirms, that these items are correct, against which he claims 44 fl. 4 st. in wampum, which she admits.

She further declared to owe to

1. Andries Spieringh 23 beavers, upon which account in January 1663 were paid by order of David Jochimsen for freight to skipper Jacob Jansen Huys three beavers

2. To Jacob Teunissen Kay 12 beavers

3. To Hendrick van der Wal 2 beavers

4. To Jan Laurensen 1 beaver

5. To Johannes de Peyster 6 raccoons and half a beaver

6. To Guilliam d'Honneur 5½ or 6 beavers, against which she claims 4 fl. in wampun.

7. To her brother Willem Pietersen Collet 150 fl. in wampum at 10 per cent, due in September next.

8. To Pieter Jacobsen and Klaes Bordingh together for freight from Fort Orange 20 fl. in wampum.

9. To Hendrick Olen (?) for tobacco in wampum the sum of

10. To Oicka (?) for tobacco 4 or 5 fl.

As the deponent through God's mercy has recovered from her illness and is well again, it is not considered necessary to continue this.

To-day, the 17th of February 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Maritie Jans Joncke, called from Rotterdam, widow of Cornelis van Langevelde, in full possession of her

reason, memory and speech, but sick abed, who, assisted by me, the Notary, chosen as her guardian, declared that she holds as in full power all the testamentary dispositions, which she and her deceased husband made before me, the Notary, and witnesses on the 7th of this month and by virtue of a clause in said testament, making her the principal guardian of the children, procreated with her said husband she nominates and appoints as guardians of her minor children Cornelis, Jan and Aeltje van Langevelde, in case it should please God to take her through this illness into his eternal kingdom, Pieter Jacobsen Marius and Jacob Teunissen Kay to regulate, manage and administer after her death all the property, which she shall leave, as well as that of her late husband, nothing excepted, wherever it may be, without interference by the Orphans Court of this or any other place, to take good care of said children, bring them up virtuously and let them learn a trade or an art, that they may honestly earn their own living: giving them for this purpose all such power and authority, special and general, as to testamentary guardians in any wise belongs and they ought or might exercise, with power, in case one of them should die, to the survivor of choosing another in his, who shall have the same authority, as if he had been appointed from the first; excluding most deliberately the Orphans Court of this or any other place, not wishing any interference on their part in the management of her children's property and this

notwithstanding any law, statute or ordinance to the contrary; requesting me, the Notary, to give copy in due form, according to instructions given me. Thus done and executed at testatrix' house in this City in the presence of Jurien Blanck and Jacobus van de Water, called in as witnesses, who signed with testatrix and me, the Notary, on the date above written.

JURYEN BLANCK This is the mark

JACOB VAN DE WATER of MARITIE JANS JONCKE, made by herself

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

To-day, the 18th of March 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, the worthy Samuel Edsal, Burgher and inhabitant of this City, who declared to have leased, as he hereby does, to Jan Cornelissen de Rycke (the rich), who also appearing acknowledges to have rented, a bouwery with the valley, thereto appertaining, house and barns in the jurisdiction of the Village of Bergen, being eight adjoining lots, for the time of five consecutive years, beginning on the 15th of August of last year, 1662, and ending on the 15th of August 1667: lessor is to deliver four horses, namely two stallions and two mares, of which already the two stallions and one mare have been delivered, six cows, of which three are turned over, the remaining three and the second mare to follow next May; also two

sows, now at lessor's, further a wagon, plough, harrow, harness for four horses: all under the following conditions:

Of the said eight lots, containing about 28 morgens (56 acres) of land, of which now 2½ morgens are cleared, lessee is to clear two morgens every year up to ten morgens, taking therefrom the first harvest, paying as yearly rent the third sheaf, to be delivered clean in a bag, and of all grain, sown by lessee since his first coming upon lessor's other land, herein not included, and from all other land, of said 28 morgens to be cleared, lessor shall annually receive one just half, to be divided on the ground and to be taken by lessee with his own grain into the barn. For the land, from which as aforesaid lessor has received the half, he shall be bound to give one half of the seed grain: lessee shall make and keep in repairs the fence of posts and rails of all of lessor's lands within said jurisdiction, except the plantations and he shall deliver to lessor out of the first fruits of said land the grain, first advanced and still to be advanced by lessor: lessor is further to have from all the animals furnished as aforesaid half of the increase and the risk of all these animals shall be borne half and half by him and lessee and the losses shall be paid in money or from the increase.

Lessee shall yearly give for each cow fifteen pounds of butter, for each heifer seven and a half pounds, in like manner half the butter from the increase. It is also agreed, that, as some cows will be

delivered next May with a calf at their side, lessee must at the end of his lease return them so and then the division of the increase shall take place and the wagon, plough etc. shall be returned in such a condition, as if one third were worn away, with new ropes and a new harrow with iron teeths.

Finally lessee has also agreed to set up at his own expense a fence, five rails high, with the necessary posts around the eight lots especially, provided he receives from lessor 40 fl. in wampun. Both parties promise, each for himself, to perform and observe the foregoing, under bond of their respective persons and property, present and future, submitting the same to all laws and courts. Thus done and executed in the presence of Lourens van der Spiegel and Jacobus van de Water etc. etc. etc.

LOUWERENS VAN DER SPIGHEL SAMUELL EDSAL
JACOB VAN DE WATER YAN CORNELISSEN DE RIECK

The testament of Jeronimus Ebbinck and wife Johanna de Laet, formerly widow of Johan de Hulter, made March 21, 1663, mentions as children: Johannes, Johanna, Samuel and Paul de Hulter, Maria Ebbinck and an expected child, but no property is described. Testators ratify their marriage contract of February 18, 1659, whereby community of property was excluded.

In the Name of the Lord, Amen! On the —— of May in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ 1663 ap-

peared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public etc., the worthy Sieur Isacq Grevenraet, late Schepen of this City, widower of Elysabet Juriaens, future bridegroom, on one side, and Maritie Jans, spinster, future bride, born here, assisted by me, the Notary, for this occasion chosen as guardian, on the other side, both inhabitants of this City, who declared that for the honour of God they have agreed to marry each other on the following conditions: to-wit, the groom shall on his part bring for the support of this marriage the goods, furniture and effects, mentioned in the specification thereof to be made by him and besides an account of the maternal estate of his children by a former marriage, and an account of the debts, which he may have contracted before the date of this marriage. On the other side said bride shall for the support of this marriage bring in as many and such goods, as are mentioned in a specification thereof to be made by her and both parties desire, that said two specifications shall be considered of such power and validity, as if they were here inserted. It is further stipulated, that whatever is brought by either of the parties into this marriage shall not be common property, but each shall keep and own his or her share; also, that gain and loss, damages and profits during the marriage shall be divided half and half, but in all cases inheritances or legacies shall not be considered profits. It is also stipulated, that, if said Isack Grevenraet, the bride-groom-to-be, should first die, said Maritie Jans, the

bride-to-be, may she have or have not a child or children, shall have and enjoy from the estate of said Grevenraet a just childs share * * * * * clothing linen and woollen, belonging to her body, by her future husband given to her or to be given: and if Maritie Jans, the bride-to-be should die before her husband without leaving a child or children, then he shall have and receive all goods and effects, nothing excepted, which said Maritie Jans leaves behind her, she making her husband-to-be her universal heir. Under these conditions parties promise to solemnize their marriage as soon as possible, under bond of their respective persons and property etc. etc. etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH ISAACK GREVENRAAT
JACOBUS VAN DE WATER

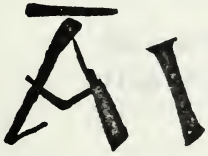
The mark ○ of MARITIE JANS
made by herself

WALEWYN VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.
Copy hereof given July——, 1663.

To-day, the 30th of March, 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., the worthy Anthony Jansen van Fes, called van (of) Salee, who declared that he had leased to Egbert Meyndersen, who also appearing acknowledges to have rented, his house in the new Bridge Street of this City, between the houses of Hendrick Kip and Hendrick Jansen Smitt, for the time of two consecutive years, beginning May 1, 1663, and ending on

the same day in 1665. Lessee shall be bound to roof the house with good tiles at his own expense, namely, he shall pay for the tiles and the lime required, also the wages of the labourers, provided that lessee shall besides living in the house receive from lessor in January 1664, 162 fl. 10 st., payable in wampum or grain, and fifteen planks: further the woodwork and what belongs to it with the carpenter's wages. It is also stipulated, that lessor shall have in said house for his accommodation a convenient sleeping place, where he may store one or two chests. Both parties promise punctually to observe and fulfill the foregoing, under bond of their resp. persons and property, submitting the same to all courts and laws. Thus done etc. etc. etc.

RESOLUERT WALDRON
JACOB VAN DE WATER



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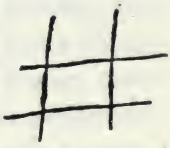
EGBERT MYNDERSEN

Engrossed copy hereof given to Anthony Jansen June 12, 1663.

To-day, the 28th of April 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Klaes Teunissen, living near the Fresh Water on the Island of Manhathans, who acknowledged to be well

and truly indebted to Master Harmen van (of) Hobocken as Deacon at the bouwery of the Hon^ble^ General Petrus Stuyvesant for the sum of 200 fl. in wampum on account of cash, by him received from said Harmen van Hobocken in his aforesaid quality with annual interest at 10 per cent in the same value and species and that for the term of one year. He promises to return the aforesaid sum of 200 fl. and pay the interest to said Master Harmen van Hobocken promptly within a year, binding his person and property, present and future, nothing excepted and submitting the same to all courts and laws, that said sum with interest may be recovered without loss or expence and for the better security hereof he places into the hands of said Master Harmen van Hobocken the patent of the land by him now owned. Thus done etc. etc. etc.

This is the mark of
ISAACK GREVENRAAT KLAES TEUNISSEN,
HENDRICK BOSCH



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WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

To-day, the 8th of May 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Sybrant Jansen, Tomas Lambertsen, carpenters, and Jan Ger ritsen van Buytenhuys, inhabitants of this City, who at the request of Sieur Isacq Grevenraat declared; first, Sybrant Jansen and Tomas Lambertsen said,

that they both had been asked by the requirant, to inspect a house and outbuilding on the Strand near Capsken,* belonging to Michgel Tadens, before said house was bought by requirant, as to its fitness to move said house to requirant's lot, also on the Strand near the Fort, near the house of Jan Eversen Bout, then occupied by Jan Gerritsen Buytenhuys; whereas requirant pretended to be willing to purchase the said house from Michguel Tadens and place it on his said lot. Tomas Lambertsen further declared, that afterwards requirant came to him and stated, that he had bought the house from Michiel Tadens on the condition, that if he did not remove the same to his lot, he would draw back from the trade giving fifty florins as forfeit. Jan Gerritsen Buytenhuys declared, that requirant came to him in December and gave him notice, that the lease of the house next to Jan Eversen Bout, as aforesaid, was to end, because, as he said, he had bought a house from Michguel Tades, to move it to the lot of the house, then occupied by deponent; he also said, if he could not move it, he could withdraw from the bargain by paying Michgiel Tadens fifty florins. Herewith deponents close their testimony, offering to confirm it under oath, if required. Thus done etc. etc. etc.

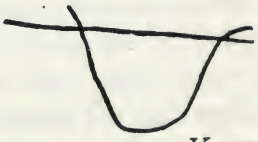
PIETER VAN DE WATER SYBRANT JANSE
HENDRICK BOSCH TOMAS LAMBERSEN
JAN GERRITSEN VAN BUTENHUSEN

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

* Rocks at South End of Manhattan Island.

To-day, the 8th of May 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Augustyn de Caper, free negro, living on Manhatans Island near the bouwery of the Hon^ble^ Director General Petrus Stuyvesant, who declared he had hired, as he hereby does, Maritie Hendrick, wife of Jan Owen, who also appearing acknowledges to have hired out, for one year, beginning on the first of this month of May 1663, to keep his house and dependencies, to take care of them as an honest, faithful servant is bound to do, for which said Augustyn promises to pay her 100 fl. in wampum, a white apron and a pair of black ones. But it is expressly stipulated, if the said Maritie Hendrick's husband should in the meantime come back to live in this Province and City, that then she shall be released from her service and she shall receive pay only for the time served. Both parties promise to keep this contract inviolable, under legal bond. Thus done etc. etc. etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH
CLAES VAN ELSLANT

This is  the mark of AUGUSTYN DE KAPER, made by him

The mark of MARITIE HENDRICK, made by herself

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

To-day, the 11th of May 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Guy Jacobsen, a Frenchman, bachellor, about to sail for Holland, who acknowledged to have received from Jacob Leisler 244 heavy deer skins and 22 rolls of Spanish tobacco, weighing 474 lbs., which deer skins and tobacco he, deponent, has shipped on behalf of said Leisler, who has no acquaintances in Holland, by the ship the *Vos* (Fox), Jacob Jansen Huys, skipper, on the first of January 1663 and consigned in his, deponent's, name to his cousin Artuy le Brethon, living at The Hague in Holland, or in his absence to Charles Barlou, merchant at Amsterdam, Holland;

they were marked and to be sold for the best profit of said Leisler and the proceeds thereof were to be sent here by the first opportunity or ship, according to the instructions, given to said le Brethon, so that the proceeds from said goods belong and are for account of said Jacob Leisler, who is therefore authorized and qualified to receive them with the letters and accounts concerning them and sent to him, the deponent, to do with them, as he, the said Jacob Leisler, would do with his other property. Therefore he empowers him thereto for this end and at the same time empowers said Jacob Leisler in his, deponent's, absence to collect, have the benefit of and trade all such goods, as may be sent and consigned to deponent, for his private account, over and above the proceeds of the aforesaid goods of said

Leisler; to send over the proceeds for such goods according to the instructions coming with them, and to act in such a manner, as if he, deponent, were himself present, even if more special authority should be required, than herein expressed; promising to ratify all, that will be done by his attorney, under bond according to law, provided that his attorney shall likewise be bound to render an account of his agency. Thus done etc. etc. etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH . GUY JACOBS
LOUWERENS VAN DE SPIGEL
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

Before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., appeared the worthy Jacob Leisler, merchant and Burgher of this City, who declared, that he constitutes and empowers in the most binding legal manner Sieur Cornelis Albertsen van der Veer and in case of his death Sieur Jacob Coiture, son-in-law of said Cornelis van der Veer, to demand and receive in his, the constituant's, name from the Lords Directors of the Priviledged West India Company, Department of Amsterdam, all such moneys, as are due him for his military service, according to accounts and proofs thereof: to give proper acquittance on the receipt thereof, guarantee against future demands: to demand and receive from Sieur Artuy le Brethon, merchant at The Hague, or Sieur Charles Barlou, merchant at Amsterdam, and all others concerned 22 rolls of Spanish tobacco and 242 heavy

deer skins, sent by Guy Jacobsen to said le Brethon and in his absence to said Charles Barlou by the ship *Vos* (Fox), Jacob Jansen Huys, skipper, on the 1st of January 1663, and belonging to him, the constituant, personally, according to vouchers, if these goods have not been sold and the proceeds have not been sent to New Netherland: to give receipt for them and guarantee against future demands: to follow instructions, given herewith: if circumstances require, to sue and plead before all courts and judges: to hear judgment pronounced, to ask for its execution or to appeal therefrom, *cum potestate substituendi* and further generally to proceed, as he, the constituant, being present would do etc. Thus done and executed at the aforesaid City of Amsterdam this 12th of May 1663, in the presence of Hendrick Bosch and Claes van Elslandt junior etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH JACOB LEISLER
CLAES VAN ELSLANT the younger.

To-day, the 12th of May 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Claes van Elslandt junior, who at the request of Hatton Atkins, English bachellor of Boston in New England, declared that about seven or eight days ago he had been told by Mr. Baly, a French merchant, doing business in New England, Virginia and here, that when said Atkins should ask, what he had seen of what passed at the house of Sieur Jacques Cousseau, to have said only, that Atkins had said to Cous-

seau If he would remain bail for Atkins under the judgment, pronounced in this City, the goods should remain in Cousseau's charge, which he had bought from Culpeper or the proceeds thereof and then Atkins had further said to deponent: "If they have written it differently from what I now say, then they have not acted honestly, as I do not understand the language well, but this has been my truthful statement." He requested deponent to keep that in his mind and remember it. Herewith he closes his testimony offering to confirm the same under oath if required. Thus done etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH CLAES VAN ELSLANT the younger
JACOB LEISLER

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

To-day, the 12th of May 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Henry Potifar, an Englishman, and Jacob Jansen, a Dutch sailor, whom the undersigned witnesses say, they know and who at the request of Monsieur Pieter Alrich, Commander on the Whore Kil in the South River, declared that without the assistance, counsel and direction of requirant Alrich and the help of requirants soldiers and his boat no goods from the bark, called *Koninck* (King) *Charles*, stranded last April 12th near Cape Henlopen, would have been saved, but all the goods, saved by requirant, would have been lost and apparently nothing would have made of them, but the Indians and others would have

destroyed them: giving as reason for their knowing the foregoing, that when said bark stranded the deponent Potifar was skipper and Jacob Jansen a passenger of said ship. Herewith they close their testimony, offering to confirm the same under oath, if required. Thus done etc.

JURYEN BLANCK HENRY POTEFER
MYCHYEL TADENS JACOB JANSEN
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

To-day, the 29th of May, 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Hendrick Jansen Spieringh, living at Gemoenepa in the jurisdiction of the Village of Bergen, who at the request of Jurien Hanel, inhabitant of said Village of Bergen, declared that in the month of April last at a place, called the Rotten Point, he heard, when at the same time requirant set down on the ground a half barrel, with which one Christian Pietersen, also an inhabitant of said village, had measured lime for some people, which requirant was then to have, he said to Hans Diedrick of the same village: 'What do you think of this half barrel.' The other answered: 'We know well, that it is too small and it is used only to make an estimate of what lime might about sell for at the Manhatans.' Said Hans also said to requirant: 'Christiaen (meaning said Christian Pieters) requires, that we shall give him a certificate that we have declared the lime as good' and when requirant answered: 'You can well certify that I have received

the lime as good, but not for the measure.' Then Hans Diedrick said: 'We shall take good care not to say that, we have nothing to do with the measure.' The heap of lime, received by requirant from said Christiaen Pieters, deponent thought, fell short by 139 barrels. Herewith he closes his testimony, offering to confirm it under oath, if required. Thus done etc.
HENDRICK BOSCH HINRICH JANSEN SPIRGO
JACOBUS VAN DE WATER
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

To-day, the 5th of June 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Cornelis Abrahamsen, living in the Village and jurisdiction of Bergen, who at the request of Jurien Hanelt, also an inhabitant of said village, declaredt that on the 29th of April last at the house of Christiaen Pietersen he has heard, that then and in the presence of Hans Diedrichs requirant Jurien Hanelt said to Christiaen Pietersen: 'I am not satisfied with the measure,' whereupon Christiaen answered: 'Do you mean, that I shall measure it again? I will measure the measure on your heart.' Jurien Hanelt then said to said Christiaen: 'I see well, that we shall not agree here, it is best, that I look at my house and you at your lime.' Said Christiaen answered: 'The devil take you.' Herewith he closes his testimony etc. etc. Thus done etc.
HENDRICK BOSCH CORNELUS ABHAN
LOUWERENS VAN DE SPIGHEL
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

To-day, the 16th of June 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Jonas Magny, living at Mespathes Kil, who acknowledged to be well and duly indebted to Sieur Daniel de Haert in the amount of 912 lbs. of tobacco for merchandize by him received from said de Haert and he promises to pay said 912 lbs. of tobacco to de Haert or his order in the month of February of next year 1664, in good, merchantable tobacco to be delivered promptly at his house, without any charges or expence for weighing at the Scales of this City under bond of his, Magnys, person and property, present and future, real and personal, nothing excepted, submitting the same to all courts and laws, that the aforesaid amount may be recovered without loss or expence. Thus done etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH JONAS MAGNI
J. V. D. WATER
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.
Engrossed copy hereof given October 10, 1663.

To-day, the 30th of June 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Albert Albertsen, living in the Village of New Utrecht on Long Island, who declared that he had agreed with Jan Ariansen van Gent, bachellor, who also appearing admitted to have accepted as follows: he, the said Ariaensen, agrees to serve personally as substitute for said Albert Albertsen as a soldier of the West India Company in the present war against

the Esopus Indians, according to the proclamation by the Director General and Council of this Province of June 25th last, for which said Albertsen shall pay him, besides the usual pay and the booty to be found, at the next harvest, or in his absence to his cousin Jacob Teunissen Kay, Burgher of this City, 35 skepels of good winter wheat, both parties binding for the performance of this agreement their respective persons and property etc. etc. etc.

This is the mark

of ALBERT ALBERTSEN, made by himself.
LOUWERENS VAN DE SPIGHEL
CORNELIS MYCHIELSEN JAN AERYENSEN VAN GENDT
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

To-day, the 30th of June 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Pieter Jansen, mason, now in the service of the West India Company and about to go to the Esopus, who declared that he constitutes and empowers as his attorney in the most binding legal manner, as he hereby does, Claes Gangelofsen (Visser), Burgher and inhabitant of this City, to attend during constituant's absence to his business here and wherever necessary, receive moneys, give therefor acquittance, guarantee against future demands, all according to instructions, when necessary, to sue before all courts and judges, to hear judgment, ask for execution

thereof or appeal therefrom, further to do herein, as he, the constituant, might do, were he present, even though fuller and more special power, than herein expressed, were needed, all *cum potestate substituendi* promising to ratify what the attorney or his substitute may have done, under bond etc. etc. etc.

PIETER JOHANSEN

The mark of ALBERT ALBERTSEN

JAN AERYENSEN VAN GENDT

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

To-day, the 10th of July 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., the worthy Sibrant Jansen, Adolf Pietersen, Tomas Lambertsen and Jan Hendricksen van Bommel, carpenters living in this City, who at the request of Pietertie Jans, widow of Klaes de Ruyter, declared to have well and closely inspected the house and lot, containing two dwellings, now occupied by her, the requirant, and lately built by her said husband, standing on the North River, next to the house of Lodowyck Pos. They all and every one of them said without previously conferring about it, that to the best of their knowledge and belief they valued and taxed said house and lot at the present time and conjuncture of affairs as worth 1000 fl. in beavers and that, their own circumstances permitting it, they

would be willing to give as much. Thus done etc.

LOUWERENS VAN DE SPIGHEL — SYBRANT JANSEN
JACOB TEUNISSEN (KAY). — ADOLF PIETERSEN
Quod attestor: — TOMAS LAMBERTSEN
WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ. — YAN HENDRYCKSE

To-day, the 19th day of July 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Monsieur Jean Baly, merchant, who declared, that he constitutes and empowers as his attorney, in the most binding manner, as he hereby does, Monsieur Hendrick Couterier, living on the South River, to demand and receive in his, the constituant's, name from Sieur Augustinus Herrmans such a quantity of tobacco, as is due him according to vouchers, to give acquittance therefor, guarantee against future demands etc. etc. etc. (as in former given powers of attorney,) *cum potestate substituendi*,

J. HUGUES — JOHN BALLEY
HENDRICK BOSCH

To-day, the 23d of July 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Jan Hendricksen Steelman, living in this City, who acknowledged to be well and duly indebted to Sieur Hendrick Couturier, merchant at New Amstel on the South River in this Province in the sum of 1114 fl. 10 st. in beavers, a balance for divers goods by him received; which said sum of 1114 fl. 10 st. he

promises to pay to said Sieur Hendrick Couturier or his order in May, June or July 1664 with interest at 10 per cent per annum until payment in goods at beaver price according to the market, under bond etc. etc. etc.

J. VAN DE WATER JAN H. STELMAN
HENDRICK BOSCH

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.
Engrossed copy hereof given to the wife of Couturier on the 26th

To-day, the 21st of August 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Sieurs Hendrick Huygen and Jacob Swenson, living on the South River in this Province, to me, the Notary well known, who as attorneys of the well-born lady, Armgart Prints, according to power of attorney, executed before Godefridus Struys, Notary Public at Leyden, Holland, and witnesses on the 1st of August 1662, shown to and read by me, the Notary, who, because of the departure of said Sieur Jacob Swenson by the ship *Arent* (Eagle), now ready to sail for Holland, declared that by virtue of the clause of substitution in said power of attorney they substitute herewith in their place Sieur Isacq van de Water, merchant at Amsterdam, Holland, to demand and receive, in case said Swenson should die or otherwise be prevented from reaching Holland, from Mr. Joost de la Grange, also living on the South River and intending to sail for Holland in the above

named ship with said Swenson, the sum of 4030 fl. Holland currency, which the abovesaid lady, their constituant, has to receive from said de la Grange in deduction of a larger sum for the purchase of lands, houses and cattle on the South River and for a protested letter of exchange, given by said de la Grange, according to vouchers thereof, copies of which are to be given to the substitute attorney: to give acquittance for all he receives, to guarantee against future demands, to obtain, if possible, said moneys amicably and if not to make and have made all necessary protests, attachments, detentions and suits against persons, moneys and goods, to sue everybody required, to substitute for this purpose an attorney *ad lites* and to do in defending of the suit at law all, that is necessary, having obtained a favourable judgment to call for its execution, transferring to that end to their substitute such ample power and authority, as to them, the present constituants, is given by the above mentioned power of attorney and as they, were they present, ought and would exercise, promising to ratify and uphold, what under this power shall be done and performed by their said substitute and to indemnify him for it, under bond according to law. Thus done etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH HENDRICK HUYGEN
PIETER VAN DE WATER JACOB SVENSSON

3 pages Quod attestor:

WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

To-day, the 21st of August 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Sieur Daniel van Donck, merchant, about to sail for Holland, who declared that he constitutes and empowers in the most binding legal manner as his attorney Sieur Reinier Rycken, merchant, living here, to demand and receive in his, the constituant's, name such sums of money, as are due him by divers people here in this country, according to vouchers thereof, to give acquittance etc. etc. etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH DANIEL VAN DONCK
MYCHGIL TADENS

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

Copy hereof given to van Donck on the 23d, to Reinier Rycken, Septbr. 4.

To-day, the 21st of August 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., the worthy Sieur Hendrick Huygen, merchant, living on the South River in this Province, on behalf of the Noble, Wellborn Valiant Johan Prints, his Royal Majesty's in Sweden Gouvernour over the District of Jennekioepingh, Stadholder of the same fortress and Commander of the garrison there, at Gunnelabergh, Skaffestadt and Langh Erff, late Gouvernour of the Swedes on the South River, and with him on behalf of his said Honour's daughter, the Noble, Wellborn Lady, Armgart Prints, having power of attorney, under the hand and seal of her said father, executed on the 29th of July, 1662, O. S., at said Cas-

tle of Jennekioepingh, for the sale of his said Honours farm of Tennekunck on the South River, which power of attorney was shown to and read by me, the Notary; he appeared further with Sieur Jacob Swenson, on behalf of said Lady Armgart Prints under power of attorney, executed before Godefrid Struys, Notary Public of Leyden, Holland, August 1, 1662, shown to and read by me, the Notary, and the worthy Sieur Jacob Swenson, also merchant living at the South River, now about to sail for Holland, with said Sieur Hendrick Huygen attorney for said Lady Armgart Prints. By virtue of their said powers of attorney and on behalf of their said principals they demand from Mr. Joost de la Grange of the South River, such sums, capital, interest, expenses and losses, as he owes, according to a protested letter of exchange, given as purchase money of the aforesaid farm of Tennekunck and dependencies, more fully described in said power of attorney and they, deponents, declared, jointly and severally, that said Jacob Swenson, for the service of his constituants and in order to obtain payment as aforesaid from said la Grange, who for this purpose is going with him to Holland, is obliged to go to Holland in the quickest way and that therefore the passage, the disbursements, the board, the legal expenses, the loss of time etc., in this case so far and to come, must be for account of the constituants; likewise the sojourn and delay of Sieur Hendrick Huygen here in this country are necessary expenses on behalf of

the constituants. In case said la Grange should remain in further default of paying said money, according to agreement made with him before Vice Director Willem Beeckman at the South River on the 30th of March 1663, the property is to be obtained from him either by nullification of the purchase or otherwise and Jacob Swenson therefore agrees, to accept out of the first money, received from said la Grange, from Sieur Isacq van de Water at Amsterdam, Holland, 600 fl. Holland currency as pay for the disbursements of twelve months at least by Hendrick Huygen here in this country, to be paid for his account, his claim for loss of time and delay being deferred and submitted to constituants aforesaid. Said Swenson also promises to pay out of said moneys to Isacq van de Water the sum of 1400 fl. Holland currency, received by said Mistress Prints on and by order of Hendrick Huygen through or by said van de Water, directed by Huygen to provide for and accommodate said lady in case of default or failure to pay the letter of exchange from la Grange. They request that this may be duly recorded, to be used whenever necessary. Thus done etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH HENDRICK HUYGEN
PIETER VAN DE WATER JACOB SWENSSON
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

To-day, the 18th of October 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., the worthy Sieur Jeronimus Ebbinck, late Schepen of

this City and merchant, on one side, and Jan Willemsen Hooghteilinck on the other side, and said Jeronimus Ebbinck acknowledged to have let and said Hooghteilinck to have leased a bouwery in the Esopus Country under the jurisdiction of the Village of Wildwyck,* now wholly occupied and used by the lessee Cornelis Barentsen Slecht (until May 1, 1664), namely the first half of said bouwery, nearest to the bridge and said village, but with the express understanding that, if lessor should conclude that all the bouwery shall be cultivated, the two halves shall proportionately be thrown together, as shall be most convenient, each remaining a farm by itself, without lessee being allowed to make objections, without buildings as houses, barns or sheds on it: the lease to run four consecutive years, beginning on the first of May 1664 and ending on the same day in 1668: as rent of said half of the bouwery lessee, Jan Willemsen Hooghteilinck, promises to pay precisely, without letting one year run into the other, 200 skepels of good, dry well conditioned winter wheat and if it should happen that he cannot bring so much wheat, he shall deliver 100 skepels of oats, which shall be appraised at the value of wheat and that lessor may not suffer any loss in his rent, all said grain must be delivered free of charges on the yacht at the strand, without lessor being obliged to bear any expenses for making and repairing the bridge or otherwise however the same might be called; ex-

* Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.

cepting only when during the years of lease a church may be built in said village and to that end said bowery may be assessed for some land tax, in which case lessor is to bear half of such tax, without being obliged to further outlays: but under this express condition, if, which may God prevent, it happened during these said four years a war should break out in the Esopus in summer-time, preventing lessee from sowing, mowing and bringing in his grain, then he shall pay to lessor for that year not more than 100 skepels of wheat and regarding what is sown on the whole aforesaid bouwery by Cornelis Barentsen Slecht, who has rented it, of that lessee shall take one half for the share by him rented at the appraisal of impartial parties and pay to lessor the first half for the first year, the remaining half the second year; thus lessor shall then make good and pay to lessee for what he may have sown on that half of the bouwery at the end of the lease, when he shall leave and if then there shall be found sown by lessee on that half more than upon the other half, not leased by him, lessee shall be bound to sow as much good land, as upon the half, leased by him, is found sown. Further lessor shall besides the said half of the bouwery deliver to lessee four horses, towit two mares, about three years old and now on lessor's said farm, and two stallions or in place of the latter a stallion and a gelding, without other animals: if it then should happen, that lessor delivers some young heifers, lessee shall be bound to keep them during

the winter without asking pay for it or bring it into his accounts and the same shall run at the risk of lessor until the time that they have calves, when the increase shall be divided half and half between lessor and lessee, provided that at the end of the lease the whole original number shall be returned to lessor: as rent for such beast or beasts lessor shall receive for the first calf eight pounds of butter, for the second and all following sixteen pounds yearly for all cows; the increase of said horses shall also be divided half and half, as has been said of the other animals, and the same shall, at the end of the lease, be returned to lessor in their original number before the increase is divided; if of said horses one is an odd one, then lessor shall have the privilege to take one of the young ones and in its place one of the old ones shall be sold instead of the odd one, and the proceeds thereof be divided as above. If in a war with the Indians any horse or other animal should be killed or taken away and lost, the loss is to be borne half and half by lessor and lessee. It is further stipulated, that lessee shall winter some oxen, which lessor may have received in partition from said Cornelis Barentsen Slecht, and keep them, at the risk of lessor, until lessor is willing to slaughter or sell them, without charging for it. If lessor or somebody on his behalf comes to the Esopus to settle there, lessee shall be bound to ride fuel for three days and occasionally hand freight to or from the strand from or to said village, likewise without a charge therefor or refus-

ing so to do. For the observance and fulfillment of the foregoing parties bind their persons and property, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, subject to all courts and laws. Thus done etc.
LOUWERENS VAN DE SPIGHEL JERONIMUS EBBINCK

THOMAS LOURESEN This is the mark

of JAN WILLEMSEN HOOGHTEILINCK
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.
Copy given to Sieur Ebbinck on the 19th.

To-day, the 19th of December 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., the worthy Willem Kock, Burgher and inhabitant of this City, who declared that in the most binding legal manner he constitutes and appoints as his attorney, as he hereby does, Aeltie Klaes, widow of the late Michgiel Frericksen, living in the Village of Wildwyck in the Esopus Country, to demand and receive in his, the constituant's, name seven skepels of wheat, due him from Jan Hays van Gelsam, soldier in the service of the West India Company, for a hanger to him sold by constituant: to give acquittance upon receipt of said seven skepels of wheat, guarantee against further demands and if necessary to sue etc. etc. etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH The mark of WIL KOCK

J. V. D. WATER
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

To-day, the 30th of January 1664, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., the virtuous Annetie Barents, wife of Jan Hendricksen Steelman, living in this City, who at the request of Paulus Pietersen, living in the Village of Bergen, declared it to be true, that requirant's wife, Tryntie Martens, had lain ill of fever at her, deponent's, house four or five years ago and had then been delirious; when she not only against deponents will run out of the house, but also returning naked and without shame laid down; but she, deponent, has never seen anything prejudicial to said Tryntie Martens' honour or can say anything else, than what should be said of a virtuous woman. Herewith she closes her testimony, offering to confirm it under oath, if necessary. Thus done etc.

This is u a n the mark

of ANNETIE BARENTS

LOUWERENS VAN DE SPIGHEL
ALBERT BOSCH made by herself

WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

To-day, the 31st of January 1664, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Sybrandt Cornelis, soldier in the service of the West India Company, now in garrison in this City, who at the request of Paulus Pietersen of Bergen Village testified and declared it to be true, that some time ago, on a Sunday, but he does not remember the

date, he has heard Maritie Tomas having words with Tryntie Martens, requirant's wife, upbraided said Tryntie, for having called her a bastard and said 'Come, Pietertie, and feel your mother's little kitten.' Deponent further declared to have heard said Maritie Tomas say to Tryntie 'You well know, what you did at Jan Koopal's house,' reproaching her with something dishonourable, without being able to give the exact words; then Tryntie called him, deponent, and Jan Captein as witnesses and he testifies to have no knowledge, that Tryntje ever said anything to the injury of said Maritie Tomas, giving as his reason for knowing it, that he was then in garrison at Bergen Village. Herewith he closes his testimony etc. etc.

CLAES BORDINGH SIBRANDT CORNELIS with his
HENDRICK BOSCH own hand

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

To-day, the 28th of February 1664, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Sieur Wolfert Webber, as husband and guardian of Anna Walles, daughter of the late Jan Walles, living in the jurisdiction of this City, and Lourens van de Spiegel, as husband and guardian of Sara Webber, daughter of the first and his wife Anna Walles, living in this City, acting on behalf of Hester and Aernout Webber, daughter and son of the aforesaid Wolfert Webber and wife Anna Walles, all heirs of Sara de Pier, widow of said Jan Walles, deceased at Monfort, who, jointly and each for himself, declared that in

the most binding legal manner they constitute and appoint, as they hereby do, as their attorney Anna Webber, daughter resp. sister-in-law of the constituants, to demand, assisted by Jan Jillisen Gouverneur as her chosen guardian herein or by whom ever she may think advisable to choose, in their, the constituant's name, copy of the testament, inventory of the estate etc., left by said Sara de Pier, their mother-in-law and grandmother, further to receive and take all such effects and goods, as are coming to constituants either *ab intestato* or in virtue of a testament, codicil etc. as their share of the property, left by Sara de Pier, nothing excepted: to give acquittance and guarantee against further demands. Wolfert Webber separately authorizes his said daughter Anna Webber, assisted as before, to demand and receive in his name, as father and guardian of his children Hester and Aernout Webber, from Sieur Jan Selyns Hendricksen of Amsterdam merchant, such moneys and rents as he has received and has in his hands, according to vouchers, for which he gives special orders: she, the attorney, is to give acquittance, guarantee against future demands and do everthing, as he, the constituant, would do it, were he present. etc. etc. etc.

WOLFERT WEBBER the elder
LOUWERENS VAN DE SPIGHEL

HENDRICK BOSCH
PIETER VAN DE WATER

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

Engrossed copy hereof, two pages, given to Lourens van de Spiegel Febr^{y}. 29th

To-day, the 28th of February 1664, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., the Worshipful Adriaen Heegeman, Schout of the Villages of Amesfort (Flatlands), Breukelen, Middewout and Uytrecht on Long Island in this Province, who declared that as husband and guardian of Cathariana Margits he constitutes and empowers in the most legal binding manner as his attorney, as he hereby does, the worthy Sieur Joseph Margits, his father-in-law, living at Amsterdam, Holland, to demand and receive in his, the constituant's, name as aforesaid, from the Lords Directors of the Honble East India Company, Department of Amsterdam, such moneys, as are due to his said wife from the estate of her deceased brother Joseph Margits, who died in East India, according to his testament and other vouchers, and which are in the hands of said Department: to give acquittance etc. etc. etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH ADRIAN HEGEMANN
THOMAS LAMBERSEN

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not Publ.
Copy given to Hegeman this day.

To-day, the 10th of March 1664, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Jan Nagel, soldier in the service of the West India Company, in garrison here, to me, the Notary, well known, and of sufficient age, who at the request of the Worshipful Tielman van Vleeck, Schout of the Village of Bergen, declared it to be true, that in the

month of August of last year 1663, not recollecting the precise day, he has heard Douwe Hermansen in said village berate and scold requirant's wife, standing in her house, as a vagabond, and that said words were spoken by said Douwe, when requirant was sick abed. Herewith closing his testimony he offers to confirm the same under oath, if required. Thus done etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH JAN NAGEL
PIETER VAN DE WATER

Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.
Engrossed copy hereof given to-day.

To-day, the 4th of April 1664, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Jan de Wit, who declared to have sold, as he hereby does, to Klaes Jansen van Langendyck, who also appearing acknowledges to have bought, half of the windmill, as it now stands upon the plain outside of this City near the Fresh Water, with half of the lot, on which it stands, measuring 20 rods square; half of a frame, on which were the sails; half of the ropes, used to turn over the mill stones; half of four new sails, of which purchaser shall pay for two and the Company besides one half of the two old sails, belonging to the mill from of old; half of two . . . . and all appertaining to said mill, movable and immovable, on condition, that purchaser takes upon himself one half of what is due by said mill to the Company, to-wit weekly to grind for the Company, when there is any

wind and when required, 25 skepels of grain. Purchaser shall also have half of the horse and cart with what belongs to it, now in use at the mill, the half of a millrod, already made, but still in the woods and two pieces of a rod, lying at the mill; all for the sum of 1325 fl., payable in good, deliverable, strung wampum in May next, on condition, that at the payment seller is held to deliver to purchaser said mill and what is belonging to it, as aforesaid and give a proper deed for it. If in the meantime the rod should fall off, then the seller shall be bound to defray half of the expense for a new one and to help in putting it up. Both parties promise, each for himself, to observe and fulfill the foregoing under bond according to law, Thus done etc.

LOUWERENS VAN DE SPIGHEL JAN DE WIT
THOMAS LOURENS CLAAS JANSEN
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Pub.

This day, the 8th of April 1664, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., the worthy Jillis Pietersen of Fort Orange, who declared to have leased to the worthy Hendrick Bosch, cutler and Burgher of this City, who also appearing acknowledged to have rented, a house and lot on Pearl Street in this City, between the houses of Egbert van Borsum and Wil Kock, for the time of four consecutive years, beginning on the first of May 1664 and ending on the same day in 1668, for the sum of 250 fl. in good current strung wampum a year, one

half payable half yearly. Lessor promises to deliver said house to lessee, when he enters upon the lease, in good repairs and keep it so during the years of the lease, while lessee promises on his side to occupy the house decently. Both parties promise, each for himself, etc. etc. etc.

LOUWERENS VAN DE SPIGHEL JELIS PETERSEN
J. V. D. WATER HENDRICK BOSCH
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

To-day, the . . . . . of June 1664, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Veen, Notary Public, etc., Jan Roelofsen, Burgher and inhabitant of this City, who declared that in the most binding legal manner, he has constituted and empowered as his attorney, as he hereby does, his brother-in-law Frederick Jeronimus, living at Amsterdam, Holland, to demand, collect and receive in his name and behalf such moneys, as are left and due to him, the constituant, from his late father Roelof Luycassen and mother Aeltie Hermans, deceased at the City of Ootmars in the Province of Overyssel, as inheritance and childs share, now in the hands of his brother Willem Roelofsen, living in said City; to give acquittance for what he receives to guarantee against future demands etc. etc. etc.

HENDRICK BOSCH YAN ROLFFSEN
JAN GERRITSEN VAN BUTENHUSEN
Quod attestor: WAL. VAN DER VEEN, Not. Publ.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF THE BURGOMASTERS.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF THE BURGOMASTERS.

Friday, February 11, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. Allard Anthony and Paulus Leenderzen van den Grift.

Before the Board appeared the Hon^ble^ Marten Cregier, Old Burgomaster, and Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt, late Treasurer. Mr. Cortlandt renders account to the Burgomasters of his administrations of the City's revenues and delivers all the account books and other papers concerning the City, which are turned over to Mr. Marten Cregier, the Treasurer for this year, according to inventory.

Friday, February 18, 1661, present at the City Hall (as above.)

Pursuant to the order of January 31 (11?) of this year 1661, on the petition of Schout, Burgomasters and Schepens concerning the travelling about of Scotchmen, it has been decided and resolved to inform thereof the Burghers and inhabitants of this City by handbills and Secretary Nevius is therefore ordered to draw up such a notice: also, at the request of the churchmasters of this City, to issue two orders, one for Claas van Elslandt the elder, the other for Jan

Gillisen Koeck, about ringing of the bell and burying the dead and what pertains to it.

Friday, February 25, 1661 present (*ut supra*).

Before the Board appeared Alexander Carolus Curtius, the master of the Latin school, who was told, the Burgomasters had heard, that he took from his pupils one beaver each quarter, which is against the order concerning his salary, as fixed by the Director General and the Burgomasters of this City, also that he does not keep strict discipline over the boys in his school, who fight among themselves and tear the clothes from each others bodies, which he should prevent or punish. He answers about the taking beavers, that at the beginning of school the parents of his pupils came to him, urging him to teach the children well, which he promised to do and has done more than usual, but he must therefore also have more than was allowed him, for which they have promised him one beaver; concerning the discipline he says, his hands are bound, as some people do not wish to have their children punished and he requests, that the Burgomasters would make a rule or law for the school; it is also necessary, that his school (house) should be enlarged.

Jan Jelisen Koeck produces the list of all, from whom he has received the money for the Rattle watch, and of those, who are unwilling to pay.

Lodowyck Pos appearing, he is informed, the Burgomasters have heard, that he had said to those

among the Burghers, who have paid, they need not pay for the Rattle watch, which he denies.

The Burgomasters decide, that the members of the Rattlewatch shall be exempt from the payment on condition, that they shall also call (the hours) outside of the gates, the Landgate as well as the Watergate*, for which the people living there must pay to support the Rattlewatch.

Before the Board came Jan Cornelissen from Vrensburgh, Cornelis Barensen and Matthys Muller, members of the Rattle watch, who requested to be exempted from payment of the watch money, whereupon they were informed of the preceding resolution.

Pieter Jansen, ships carpenter, asks for permission to build a house in the Maagde Paatje (Maiden Lane), alongside of Cornelis the smith, back of the wharf, which is granted and an order accordingly made.

Claas van Elslandt the younger is ordered to fetch his father and coming back he says, Mr. Cornelis van Ruyven has given his father some letters, arrived from the South, to deliver, which he is doing now.

At the request of the Churchmasters the following order is handed to Jan Gillizen Koeck:

Order.

The Burgomasters of this City of Amsterdam in N. N., having taken into consideration the request

* The landgate was at Wall Str. and Broadway, the watergate at Wall Str. and Pearl.

of the Churchmasters of said City, herewith authorize and qualify Jan Jelisen Koeck to take care, that the bell be tolled for the dead at the proper time, also to preserve the pall, collect the hire thereof for the church as well as the fee for ringing the bell, the rent for the straps, benches and boards; to keep a record of all, who have died and are buried, without concerning himself with anything else in this regard. Done at Amsterdam in N. N. February 25, 1661. By order etc.

Order for the Churchmasters

Having received the remonstrance of the Churchmasters concerning the pews in the church and the vacant seats in them, the Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. think, it is proper, that the vacant seats in the pews should be rented out or sold for the benefit of the Church and therefore grant the request. Done ut supra. By Order etc.

Having received the returns of the election of Churchmasters, Orphanmasters and Firewardens the Burgomasters have submitted the following nominations to the Hon^ble^ Director General and Council.

Honourable, Valiant Gentlemen.

Whereas the term of the Hon^ble^ Nicasius de Sille as Churchmaster has expired; whereas the Hon^ble^ Paulus L. van de Grift, late Orphanmaster, has been confirmed by your Honours as Burgomaster and Sieur Joannes de Peyster, having served as Orphan-

master two consecutive years, requests to be discharged and whereas Sieur Hendrick Kip senior has continued as Firewarden for some years, while Sieur Jan Jansen de Jongh, also Firewarden, has removed outside of the Landgate, therefore the Burgomasters of this City, to whom you have referred the nominations, submit a double number for each office, as follows:

For Churchmaster

Hon^ble^ Joannes de Decker, Councillor of N. N.
Hon^ble^ Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary.

For Orphanmasters
Marten Cregier, Old Burgomaster
Cornelis Steenwyck
Hendrick Kip senior
Hendrick Jansen van der Vin

For Firewardens
Vernaer Wessels
Hendrick Willemsen the Baker
Jan Jansen van Brestee
Claas Gangelofzen Visser.

We request, that you will please to elect from these, whom you deem fit for these duties. Done etc.

By Order etc

Friday, March 4, 1661, present (as before), Claas van Elslandt the younger handed to the Burgomasters the following record of the confirmation of Church and Orphanmasters and Firewardens:

Extract from the Register of Resolutions of the Director General and Council of New Netherland, adopted at their meeting Thursday, March 3, 1661.

Having received and read the nominations for the offices of Churchmasters, Orphanmasters and Firewardens, as submitted by the Burgomasters of this City, the Director General and Council have therefrom continued, chosen and confirmed

As Churchmaster Hon^{ble} Nicasius de Sille continued.

As Orphanmasters Messrs. Marten Cregier, Old Burgomaster, and Cornelis Steenwyck, Old Schepen.

As Firewardens Hendrick Willemsen the Baker and Claas Gangelofzen Visser.

Done at Fort Amsterdam in N. N., date as above. Beneath stood: Agrees with the Register—Signed C. v. Ruyven, Secr^{y}.

The request of Allard Coninck, asking to be excused from purchasing his small Burgerright, because at the time of the great war he with others has helped to work on the wall, is answered by: Pursuant to the privileges, granted by the Director General and Council of N. N. petitioner's request cannot be granted, but he must pay like others.

Claas van Elslandt senior appearing, he is told, that complaints are made against him, because he does not behave well as gravedigger and when inviting people to a burial, and because of his age and long residence here he is warned to behave

better henceforth and the following order is given him:

The Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. have taken into consideration the request of the Churchmasters and herewith charge and direct Claas van Elslandt the elder to take care only of the graves of the dead, dug in the church and in the church yard; to look after the bier being fetched and brought back to the proper place; to invite, according to old custom, everybody to the funeral, walk decently before the corpse and to demand and receive pay only for his services, without asking for more. Done February 25, 1661. By Order etc.

Before the Board appeared Eghbert Meindersen, to whom was read the request and affidavit of the sworn butchers against him and he was asked, what he had to say. He answers, that that is only spite, for as regards the sick pig, he can prove by ten witnesses, that it had only a sore throat and that they came to appraise the pig in the evening at about 9 o'clock, when he was going to bed, whereupon he told them, to value and slaughter it, which they would not do. Thereupon he went with them and valued the pig at 24 fl.; they asked, whether he would take it for that price, he said Yes and kept it. As to the slaughter ticket, he did not allow anybody to go away, who brought the money; he cannot give credit, as he has over 300 fl. outstanding for the last year.

The following answer is given to the request of the sworn butchers: Petitioners are referred to the

Court of Burgomasters and Schepens *in re* the sick pig and may there enter their suit against Eghbert Meindersen. Concerning the slaughtering of cattle, allowed him until further orders, he is ordered not to let anybody run after the excise ticket, if he has paid for it.

Abraham Pietersen Molenaar (miller), who has some of the City's money on interest, appears and as the City needs the capital, he is told to go to Mr. Olof Stevensen and ask, whether he will take the loan on his account and satisfy the City, he, Abraham, giving a mortgage on his house, the interest to be remitted. He answers, the City has not demanded interest from him, but promises to go and speak with Olof Stevensen.

The servants of Coenraat ten Eyck appear, of whom Jan Jelissen Koeck says, they are not willing to pay the Rattlewatch dues. They say, that by their contract with him, they are exempted from it, and are ordered to pay, retaining their recourse on their master.

Marritje Roelofs is also accused by said Jan Jelissen with not paying the Rattle watch dues and says, she is willing to do it as soon as she can, whereupon she is ordered to do as the others.

Aaltje Mareschal is allowed fourteen days more, in which to pay for her Burgher right.

Order concerning the Orphanmasters.

Whereas according to the Extract from the Register of Resolutions of the Director General

and Council, dated March 3, 1661, from the nominations by the Burgomasters of this City the Hon^ble^ Marten Cregier, Old Burgomaster, and Cornelis Steenwyck, Old Schepen, have been confirmed as Orphanmasters vice Paulus Leendersen van der Grift, late Orphanmaster and now Burgomaster, and Joannes de Peister, therefore said Marten Cregier and Cornelis Steenwyck are herewith ordered and authorized, to enter upon the duties of Orphanmasters with Mr. Oloff Stevensen Cortlant and serve as such. Done at the session of the Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. March 4, 1661.

Order concerning the Churchmasters.

Whereas according to the Extract (ut supra) the Hon^ble^ Nicasius de Sille has been continued by the Director General and Council as Churchmaster, therefore he is herewith requested and authorized to perform the duties of said office for the ensuing year with Hendrick Jansen van der Viss. Done ut supra.

Order concerning the Firewardens.

Whereas according to the Extract (ut supra) from the nominations by the Burgomasters Hendrick Willemsen the baker and Nicolaas Gangelofsen Visser have been confirmed as Firewardens with Evert Duyckingh vice Hendrick Hendricksen Kip and Jan Jansen de Jongh, therefore said Hendrick

Willemsen the baker and Claas Gangelofsen Visser are herewith ordered and authorized to enter upon the duties of Firewardens and to serve as such with the old Firewarden Evert Duyckingh. Done as above.

Friday, March 11, 1661, present as before.

Before the Board appeared Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven, who requested, that his accounts with the City might be closed. Having examined the accounts the Burgomasters find, that Pieter van Couwenhoven has still to receive from the City 52 fl. 16.—, provided the City undertakes to pay 371 fl. 16.—for planks, which the Company ought to pay.

Isaack de Foreest is asked to pay for the lot, bought from the City by Jelis Pietersen; he answers, Immetje, the widow of Frans Clasen must pay for it. Immetje produces a writing showing, that the lot, which said de Foreest has bought, has been paid for, but upon examination of the writing, it is found, that the payment was for houserent. Isaack de Foreest is told, he must pay, as he has bought the lot, whereupon he requests permission to sell the house again, and as Immetje, being a widow, is not in the condition to raise the money for the payment, which the Burgomasters understand, she is given time and ordered to look about and raise the money.

Jacques Corteljau asks for the Burgherright for

his brother-in-law, who intends to establish himself as wheelwright. He is told to go to the Treasurer.

Pieter Andriesen, alias the Chimney sweep, asks for a conveyance of the lot, bought from the City, and is ordered to go to the President for a note.

Daniel Vervelen is ordered to pay for his Burgherright, whereupon he says, Mr. Oloff Stevensen had told him, he must pay for it 20 fl. in wampum.

Jurrien Janzen van Auweryck is ordered to pay for his Burgherright and the bucket money; he promises to do his best.

Ambrosius Weerhem coming in and asked for payment of his Burgherright, answers and promises to work it off in the service of the City.

Lambert Hendricksen is ordered to pay for his Burgherright according to obligation.

Metje Greveraat is asked, why she has not yet paid her money for the Rattle watch and for her Burgherright. She answers, that she cannot do it, as she does not earn as much as a man and therefore she requests, to be excused, but she is ordered to pay, the payment for the Burgherright being meanwhile suspended.

Aris Otte is asked, why he does not pay the fire-bucket dues and says, that Jan Jansen Hagenaar had undertaken to pay it. He is ordered to do it himself, having his recourse on Jan Jansen or his heirs.

Rem Jansen Smitt called upon for payment of

his Burgherright, pretends he ought to be excused, because he has been so long in the country.

Andrees Joghimzen, asked why he does not pay his share (of the taxes ?), promises to pay 10 fl.

Daniel Litsco is told, that according to the books and papers of Jacob Kip, the former Secretary, he still owes 92 fl. 10.—excise dues for the year 1654, whereupon he shows a receipt, dated December 29. 1654.

The wife of Eghbert van Borsum also is told, that she owes 179 fl. 12.— excise dues for 1654; she answers, that she did not know, she owed it, as she had never been asked for it and that she had always paid, when the collector came.

Maria Polett, told as before, that she still owes 70 fl. 12.—excise dues for 1654, says, she does not owe, having paid it to Kip.

Abraham de la Noy is informed, it has been found, that he owes 127 fl. 16.— excise dues for the aforesaid year, but he disproves it by his book.

Sybout Clazen asks for the appointment of arbitrators on the accounts between himself and his wife, which request having been considered, the case is referred to Sieurs Jacob Strycker and Joannes de Peister, late Schepens of this City, in the presence of Schepen Pieter van Couwenhoven.

Extract from the Register of Resolutions of the Director General and Council of New Netherland, adopted at their meeting Thursday, March 10, 1661.

The Burgomasters of this City are directed to deliver to the Secretary of the Director General and Council in due shape the City's accounts of receipts and expenditures during the last year, 1660, and to do so henceforth every year on the day before the old Burgomasters leave office and the new ones enter upon it, as it is done in the praiseworthy government of the City of Amsterdam. Done at Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, date as above. Beneath stood: Agrees with the original. Signed Corn. van Ruyven, Secretary.

Friday, March 18, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before).

Before the Board appeared Jacob Kip, late Secretary, who was told, that according to his accounts of the excise there were people still in debt for the general excise on beer and wine, who when spoken to about it, said they had paid. He answers, he says delivered his accounts to the Company and is asked to furnish to the Burgomasters an extract from these accounts, so that a balance of his account may be sent to each debtor.

Lodowyck Pas entering reports, that the Rattlewatch importune him about fuel and he does not know, how much is allowed them. He is told, no fire wood has been allowed. Pieter Schaafbanck is asked, how much wood has been given to the Rattlewatch: he says, 200 pieces, and the *Queckers** have

* This word may mean Quakers or pupils.

had about 100 pieces. He is ordered, to demand and receive from Resolveert Waldron the money, which he has had from the *Queekers* for wood.

Albert Pieterzen, the bugler, says, he has been spoken to about the money for his Burgerright, but as he is an old Burgher he ought to be exempted from paying it. The Burgomasters agree to wink at it and inform the Treasurer.

Tomas Swartwout is asked, how it comes, that he does not pay for his Burgerright and his fire buckets dues. He answers, he has not been able to raise it and that he has sold his land, to satisfy everybody. It is therefore resolved, to wait yet for some time.

Jan Gerrizen van Buytenhuys is asked, why he does not pay for his Burgherright, and says, he cannot raise it, but promises to pay next May and then says, in a month.

Jan Janzen from Rotterdam is asked, why he does not pay his fire buckets dues and answers, he has paid them. He is then told, that he has another house, for which he must pay, but as it is a small building, he is allowed to pay one florin in wampum instead of in beaver and ordered to do so.

Roelof Hendricksen, summoned for non-payment of his Rattlewatch dues, says, he has not so much, and it is resolved, to be lenient with him.

Herry Bresar, summoned for refusing to pay the Rattlewatch dues, says, the watchmen do not come to, where he lives. The Captain of the Rattlewatch, being spoken to about it, says, that according to

orders, they have not to go farther than the Maagde Paatje (Maiden Lane), whereupon he is told, that this order referred to bad weather, at any other time they had to go as far as Tomas Hal's.

Stoffel Elswaart, summoned for non-payment of his Rattlewatch dues, says, he has no money and has earned none for a long time, but he offers to deliver 100 pieces of firewood for one year's dues, which is accepted and he is promised, that if the wood should be more, than he owes, he shall be paid the difference.

Jan Jelizen states, that he has not been able to collect the dues from Claas van Elslant senior, Bruyn the mason, nor from Jeremias Jansen and his brother.

Before the Board appeared the Hon^ble^ Marten Cregier and Cornelis Steenwyck, who are informed of the resolution of the Director General and Council confirming their election as Orphanmasters: they are requested to do their duties in this office, which they promising to do, their commission *in communi forma* is given to them.

On the 11th of April, 1661. Abraham Cermel has been accepted as Rattle watchman and has taken the oath of fidelity.

Friday, April 15, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before).

Jonas Barteltsen appears before the Board and a bargain is made with him for cases in the Council-

chamber, to place therein the City's papers, books, etc., for which he is to receive 4 fl. per day.

Mrs. Wessels requests. that the *concierge* (Sheriff's officer) be ordered, to execute the judgement of January 4, 1661, against Jacob Jansen Sam. So ordered.

The wife of Leendert Arendsen, summoned for non-payment of Rattle watch dues, requests, to be excused: whereupon she was promised, that she should not be spoken to about it very soon.

The following Ordinance was delivered to the skippers, now in port:

N. N., skipper of the ship X. Y. Z., is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters of this City, to pay to their Treasurer for the accommodations in discharging his cargo at the landing place 8 stivers per last,* less goods and wares pro rata, of which he may charge two thirds to his freighters. Done etc. April 28, 1661.

Frans Jansen from Amsterdam petitions for the Burgherright and it is ordered, that the petition be granted, on condition that he pay to the Treasurer, what is due. Done etc. April 30, 1661.

Order.

Treasurer Marten Cregier is hereby directed by the Burgomasters of this City not to receive payment for Burgherright from anybody, unless the same has been asked for and obtained from them. Done etc. April 30, 1661.

* 4000 pounds.

Wednesday, May 4, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before).

Before the Board appeared Abraham Staats, who is informed of the order of the Director General and Council, concerning the obtaining of the Burgher-right and its benefits. He has absented himself from here for four consecutive months and was forbidden to carry anybody along, unless he did first pay his dues to the City.

The carriers of the Weighhouse appearing on a complaint, that an anker of Annis had been found half empty, were asked, who had brought it to the Weighhouse. Barent Jacobsen says, he has done it and Crey Jacobsen, that he has carried it out.

Balthasar de Haart is informed, that he is reported having complained to Fiscal Nicasius de Sille, that his anker of Annis was laying half empty in the Weighhouse. He says, it was about one fourth empty, but while it was on the bridge or at the landing place it was full; he has not moved it and has later seen, that it had been rolled about. Asked, whether he demands satisfaction or whether the matter shall be further examined, he answers, the Fiscal had told him, he should call some neighbours as witnesses and that he should make no further complaint. He is then informed, of what the Fiscal has said against the porters and they, returning, are ordered, not to place goods into the Weighhouse and to pay more attention to merchants' property.

Friday, May 6, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before) and Marten Cregier.

Hendrick Jansen van der Vin, appearing before the Board, requests, that the bond for the lot, on which he has built a house, be annulled, as he has paid it, showing a receipt from Cornelis van Ruyven for two-thirds of the pay. Having examined it the Burgomasters consent to the annulling of the bond. Hendrick Jansen further requests, that the lot be measured, saying, that 4½ feet of the 9 feet alley belongs to him, as the lot was sold according to bill of sale, and that he be exempted from sheet piling along the river and on the Graft. He is told, the case will be examined.

Order.

The Court Messenger Claas van Elslant junior is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters to forbid all skippers, sailing from here to Fort Orange or elsewhere, to take along any passenger, arrived here in the last ships from Fatherland, or their goods, unless they can show the written consent of the Burgomasters or Treasurer, under a penalty of 150 fl. Done etc.

Friday, July 8, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Allard Anthony.

Before the Board appeared Arent Jurriaensen Lantsman, who is told, that complaints are made

against him, because he does not live in peace with his wife. He is ordered to guard against more complaints and answers, the parents are the cause; they stir her up, saying, she must not submit and may in time wear the breeches. He complains, they treat him badly. Lodowyck Pos coming in is told, that this brother-in-law* has complained bitterly of him, as he of him. He requests, they might both be heard and after it had been done, Lantsman was ordered, to live in peace with his wife.

Sybrant Janzen Galma and Tomas Lambersen are told, that the pew of Burgomasters and Schepens has to be made larger and they are requested to do it, fetching the wainscot from Mr. de Sille and the City paying for it.

The Rattlewatch is ordered, not to call before day break: Rise up from bed etc. They ask for light and are promised for the present two pounds of candles.

The porters of the Weighhouse ask for the appointment of an elder among them. All are heard singly and give their vote, by which Joost Goderis is elected.

To the Noble, Very Worshipful, the Director General and Council of New Netherland.

Respectfully show the Burgomasters of this City, that on the 15th of December 1657, you have ordered them, to collect from each chimney for the purchase

* Lodowyck Pos was the father-in-law, see Records of New Amsterdam, first series, Vol. p.

and maintenance of fire buckets and ladders one florin and whereas there are here many poor inhabitants, who have only one small chimney, but pay as much for taxes as well-to-do persons, who have two to three fire places for one chimney, which we think, subject to correction, is a great disadvantage to them, therefore we request, your Honours will please to take it into consideration and put such a tax on each fire place, as in your wisdom you shall deem fit. Awaiting your decision we remain

Your Honours obedient servants
The Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam
By their order Joannes Nevius, Secry.

Marginal Order: Petitioners are authorized to collect for each fire place one florin annually. Done at Fort Amsterdam in N. N. July 15, 1661. Beneath stood: By order of the Director General and Council C. v. Ruyven, Secretary.

Friday, July 15, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before).

Warrant.

Officer Pieter Tonneman is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters of this City, to visit, pursuant to the order of the Director General and Council, with Secretary Nevius, Claas van Elslant and Jan Gillisen Koeck, all the houses within the jurisdiction of this City, examine the fireplaces in them, making a complete list of them including the leads and also make

a note of all wooden or plastered chimneys. Done etc.

Order concerning the bakers.

Pursuant to the Ordinance of the Director General and Council, dated October 26, 1665, you, N. N., are herewith ordered by the Burgomasters of this City not to bake any longer within the jurisdiction of this City from August 1st of this year, unless you have first asked for and obtained from the Burgomasters a licence, which is to be renewed every three months, for which you are to pay each time £1. Flemish* under the penalty of being forbidden to continue for those, who carelessly or intentionally omit it.

Before the Board appeared Lodowyck Pos, who is asked, what he had to do at night at the house of the Blue Dove with quarrelling and scolding and allowing his sword to be taken from him; he answers, he came there by accident and is reprimanded and expressly charged, to guard against the recurrence of such things, look after his belongings and remain with his wife and children. He is asked, who has been there, and says, Jeremias Jansen, Wernaar Wessels, the hatter, Jan de Ruyter, the servant of Nicolaas the carter and that the trouble and quarrel arose between Joghins the shoemaker's man, who is a soldier, and Jan de Ruyter, that a sailor of the ship the *Trouwe* (Faith) and others separated them and that the gunner of the *Moesman* and Anthony Karel-

*6 fl. or $2.50.

sen made the most trouble: that a ship's boy took the sword into his hand and that the sergeant with the soldiers drank four bottles of brandy at Jan de Ruyters. Lodowyck Pos is ordered and charged to look after the Rattlewatch, inspect their attention to duty and appearance and then go to bed, rise again now and then at midnight and see, whether the men do their duty and to let Jacques Pryn and Hendrick van Bommel for the present continue as watchmen.

Jan Jellisen Koeck produces a list of persons, who owe for their Burgherright.

Jan Cornelizen from Vlensburgh requests, that as he is to sail for the Fatherland, his places as porter of the Weighhouse and in the Rattlewatch may be kept vacant until his return. The Burgomasters promise, that the place of porter shall be kept vacant, provided he returns by the first ship, ready to sail.

Wednesday, July 27, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before).

Order for the Treasurer.

Mr. Marten Cregier, Treasurer of this City, is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters to cause Jan Jellisen Koeck to go about on the 1st of August next and collect one fl. for each fireplace in this City's jurisdiction according to the test thereof.

Joost Goderis as elder is herewith charged by the Burgomasters to deliver to Secretary Nevius within

24 hours from date a statement of what the porters take for carrying wares, goods, beer and wine from one place to the other.

Joris Rapalje requests to be made harbourmaster.

Marginal Order:

Granted, July 29, 1661.

Monday, August 1, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. Allard Anthony, Paulus Leendersen van der Grift, Marten Cregier and Olof Stevensen van Cortlant.

The President reports, that at the request of the Burgomasters and on the recommendation of the Director General to the masters of this Province Master Evert Pietersen is sent here as schoolmaster, precentor and comforter of the sick by the Directors of the Company and he absolutely requires a proper dwelling and schoolhouse, which the Director General requests the Burgomasters to consider, giving an answer to-day. Thereupon it is resolved: As soon as Master Evert Pietersen has been appointed schoolmaster etc. by the Director General and Council and the Burgomasters have been notified of it, they will dispose of the matter and for this purpose ask for the lot behind the house of the Fiscal to build a schoolhouse.

Order for skipper Pieter Reyerzen.

Pieter Reyersen, skipper of the ship *Beaver*, is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters of this City

to pay to their Treasurer for the accommodations in discharging and taking in cargo at the landing place 5 stivers in beavers per last, smaller goods pro rata. Done etc.

The President also reports, the Burgomasters had decided, that as some very important matters would come before them for decision, the Old Burgomasters should be invited to sit with them, so that, when they came again into office, they might be acquainted with the matter.

Storm Alberzen* is asked, where he intends to live and says at Fort Orange in the Fuyck,† trading there, where he still has half a house standing. The Burgomasters decide, that Storm Albersen and others are bound to purchase his Burgherright and keep here an open shop for six weeks. Re-entering he is informed thereof, but excused from keeping shop here for six weeks.

Provisional Instructions, given by the Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. to the porters of the Weighhouse and the beer carriers.

First. They shall be held to report every morning at 6 o'clock before the Company's Warehouse or Scales and remain there until 12 noon, coming back at 1 o'clock to remain until sunset.

2. They shall not be allowed to handle wine or

*A son of Albert Bratt, who having been born during a storm at sea, was baptized Storm and called himself van der Zee.

† The Fuyck or Fishnet, now that part of Albany, N. Y., called Steamboat Square and neighborhood.

beer or take it from one place to the other without first demanding and receiving the proper excise or transfer ticket.

3. They shall furnish their own tools for handling wine and beer.

4. In attending to their duties they shall not drink to excess, so that beer, wine or other goods, which they handle, may not suffer damage, under the penalty of losing their days wages and paying besides a fine of 3 fl. for the common fund.

5. If any damage has been caused by their drunkenness, they must pay for it and besides 6 fl. for the common fund.

6. In order, that every thing is done in good order and by rule the Burgomasters elect from the porters of the Weighhouse Joost Goderis as foreman, whom the others must obey.

7. The foreman shall be held to remain at the Scales or the Company's Warehouse during the aforesaid hours, without leaving, for the convenience of the merchants.

8. The first returning from a job shall immediately take hold of another, unless there is something else to be done and he shall then go to it by order of the foreman without contradicting him under a penalty of 3 fl.

9. Of whatever they have done and worked at they shall, each time they return to the Weighhouse, give a strict report to the foreman, who shall be held to keep a good account for the information and

convenience of the merchants; also of the beer (carried).

10. Upon the receipt of an excise ticket they shall immediately tear and preserve it and if one or more should have been lost, he, who has lost it, shall be fined 1 fl. for the common fund.

11. After having done their work they shall immediately deliver the excise tickets to the foreman, who is to keep them until the evening and then return them to the farmers of the excise or at the latest next morning before 9 o'clock under the penalty of 2 fl. for the fund and for each ticket lost he must also pay 1 fl.

12. He, who does not pay proper attention, shall pay 3fl. to the fund for a whole day and he, who comes one hour too late, 10 stivers.

13. If it happens, that there is a great deal of hurried work, so that it is not possible to do all, then they shall hire somebody to assist, taking care, that he is a faithful person, as they must be security for him.

14. If one of them badly treats merchants or Burghers he shall be fined 6 fl. and be punished according to circumstances.

15. Whoever refuses to let the foreman deduct the fine on a complaint, shall suffer twofold punishment.

16. They shall see, that nobody besides them works on wine or beer and whoever is detected doing so shall be fined one third for the beer carried.

17. They shall not take more for their work than the wages, prescribed by the Burgomasters under the penalty of losing their places.

18. When the fire bell rings they shall be at hand and help, under penalty of losing their places.

19. If one of the Weighhouse porters falls sick, they shall pay him weekly 6 fl.

20. They shall produce their instructions to the Burgomasters every year and ask for continuation in the service.

21. The foreman shall be held to deposit every Saturday the money, earned during the week, and not on Sunday, on pain of 6 fl. for the fund.

22. But what has been earned in unloading and loading ships shall be deposited by the foreman, when convenient, only not on Sunday under the penalty as above.

23. The beer carriers and porters of the Weighhouse shall promise and swear, that they will perform the duties of their office faithfully and uprightly, neither commit frauds nor allow others to commit them and to observe, what hereafter may be added to these instructions by the Burgomasters.

Friday, August 5, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. Allard Anthony and Paulus Leendensen van der Grift.

Before the Board appears Jan Gillisen Koeck, who reports that the Schepens Tymotheus Gabry, Pieter

Wolfersen van Couwenhoven and Jeronimus Ebbinck are not willing to pay the dues for their fireplaces.

Paulus Schrick is told, that he must pay for his Burgherright. He says, a distinction should be made between persons, who trade, and those, who come to collect debts; he has not sold any goods, but has sent some beans to Pieter Loockermans at Fort Orange for sale and now takes them back. This having been taken into consideration, he is excused from purchasing the Burgherright, as it is allowed to everybody to send goods to a resident and Burgher here for sale on commission.

Jan Gillizen Koeck reports, that he has spoken to several men, arrived in the ships, about payment for the Burgherright.

Order for the Treasurer.

Mr. Marten Cregier, Treasurer of this City, is herewith ordered and directed by the Burgomasters, to send Jan Gillisen Koeck to collect the outstanding dues for each fireplace in the City, which are not yet paid, without regard of persons and the officer Pieter Tonneman is authorized, to assist him in cases of refusal, first warning the recusants to guard against loss and then levying the dues by distraint, charging for the visit 3 fl.

The labourers of the Weighhouse are provisionally allowed to charge and receive the following wages for their work, at the Warehouse.

For a large bundle of duffels	fl.	1.10
" a case of duffels	"	.18
" do of linnen	"	.18
" a bale of rice	"	.12
" a bale of canvas	"	.12
" cask of nails	"	.18
" do of prunes	"	1.—.
" barrel of rice	"	.18
" keg of hatchets	"	.12
" barrel of kettles	"	.12
" other goods and trifles pro rata	"	
" putting a barrel on the scales and taking it off.	"	.6
" rolling a hhd. of tobacco out of the boat and to the scales	"	.9
" rolling a hhd of tobacco to the house and putting it on the scales	"	.9
" opening a hhd. of tobacco	"	.4
" all other goods pro rata according to weight		

For handling wine and beer by the carriers		
Outside of the gates		
For a tun of beer	fl.	.10
" half a tun	"	.5
" a quarter	"	.4
Inside the gates		
For a tun	"	.8
" a half tun	"	.4
" a quarter	"	.3
For wines		
For a barrel of oil	"	1.10.
" " " of brandy	"	1.4.
" a hhd. of wine or vinegar	"	.12
" an awm of wine	"	.10
" half an awm	"	.6
" an anker	"	.4
" half an anker	"	.2

The Burgomasters resolve to ask the Director General and Council for the lot behind the house of Nicasius de Sille.

Jan Janzen de Jongh is asked, why he refuses to pay his dues for the fireplaces in his brewery. He answers, he has not yet made up his mind to pay.

Order.

The Officer is ordered to compel Jan Jansen de Jongh by execution to pay his fire dues for the brewery and other places.

Master* Jacob Huges coming in says, he has been summoned to pay for his Burgherright, but as he left his wife here and has kept fire and light in his house, he is excused.

Saturday, August 6, 1661, present (as before).

The Burgomasters resolve, that all papers to be used by parties in a law-suit shall be handed in next Monday morning at 7 o'clock and for this purpose an order is to be sent to Jacob Vis, also to Mattheus de Vos to exchange papers.

Before the Board appeared Hendrick Hendricksen Obe, who was asked, when he was engaged as City drummer. Answering, in June, he is told, that the City had to bear many burdens and therefore it had been resolved, that one drummer should not have more pay, than the other, and each is allowed 50 fl. He says, he will not engage for that and rather serve without pay; he asks for his discharge, whereupon it was decided, that Hendrick Hendricksen should be told by the Courtmessenger, to consider until Monday.

Steven Geneve, brazier, summoned comes in and is asked, whether he would care to enter the City's service as drummer. Answering Yes, he is asked, what pay he expects and says 250 fl., but only 50 are offered to him, as that is given to others.

Order rel. to J. Vis

Jacobus Vis is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters to produce at the City Hall his papers in

* Surgeons and schoolmasters had this title.

the suit against Hans Steyn next Monday, August 8th, at 7 o.c.

Order to M. de Vos

Mattheus de Vos, as attorney for Geertruyd Wingers, is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters to exchange his papers* in the suit against Geleyn Verplanck as soon as possible and give a list of them to the Secretary.

Monday, August 8, 1661, present (as before).

Hendrick Hendricksen Obe is asked, what he has concluded to do since last Saturday. He answers, he is of the same mind as before and requests to be discharged. The Burgomasters grant his request and he is discharged from his duties as drummer.

Monday, September 12, 1661, present (as before).

Paulus van de Beeck appearing before the Board, he is informed of the complaints, that he makes no payments in deduction of the rent to those, who have orders on him and that he now owes rent for three quarters of the year, also that the City is hard up. He answers, sometimes when he has no funds he requests two, three or four days' time, in which to pay, and then they give him uncivil words, but he promises to do, what he can. It is recommended, that he do his best and go to this or that inn keeper

* According to the practice in civil cases parties to a suit had to show to each other proofs of their allegations and evidence.

to see, whether he cannot obtain 50 fl. for excise, which he promises to do.

It is ordered, to lay on the table all legal papers.

Friday, September 16, 1661, present (as before).

Hendrick Willemsen the baker, having been summoned, is told, that complaints are made about the insufficient baking. He says, he does not know, how that comes and wishes he had not baked, since the price of bread was fixed. Asked to say now or to-morrow, whether the bread is well baked or not, he answers Yes, as formerly the flower of the meal was shaken out, so now the bran is taken out and the grain is enhanced in price by this or that baker and it is shameful, that the bakers allow their apprentices to attend to the rising of the bread, who do not kneed it sufficiently, which makes the bread bake badly: in Holland it is not customary to bake bran with flour, but it may happen, that some bran gets in, but not much.

Officer Pieter Tonneman appearing is informed by the Burgomasters, that after adjournment they intend to go with him and inspect the streets, whether anything lies there to prevent driving and if they find the owner, he is to order him, to take it away or in case of refusal to do it at owner's expense. He is also directed to see, that the privies emptying on the streets be removed, as it has been forbidden by Placaat, that privies should empty on the street.

Order.

Hendrick Hendricksen Obe is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters to beat the drum at the coming fair and when the train band marches up under the orange flag, for which he shall receive, what is fair. Done etc.

Order.

Reyer Ariaansen, skipper of the ship *Perel* (Pearl), is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters, to deliver for the City according to custom, to the bearer hereof, Lodowyck Pos, Marshal of the Burghers, 25 lbs. of powder, Done etc.

September 22, 1661, By order etc.

Friday, September 23, 1661, present (as before).

Geertruyd Wingers requests by petition, that Geleyn Verplanck be examined under oath by a committee of two, to be appointed by the Burgomasters. Marginal order; The request is granted and Tymotheus Gabry with Joannes van Brugh are commissioned to examine Geleyn Verplanck under oath in the presence of the officer Pieter Tonneman.

The petition of Jan Gillisen Koeck is deferred for eight days.

Robbert Roelanzen and Abraham Janzen, carpenters, produce the decision of the arbitrators in their case with Annetje Dirckx, widow of Pieter Kock and request, that she may be forbidden to have the work done by others, as they have not been paid.

The Burgomasters order them to summon Annetje Dirckx for the next session of Court, as the matter concerns the whole bench.

Cornelis Vermeulen wants to know, why he should buy his Burgherright and is told, because he has come here with goods for sale. He says, he has brought most of the goods for his mother, but does not deny, that he has not brought some on commission, which he claims do not amount to much. The Burgomasters decide and tell him, that this being the case he must pay 26 fl. in wampum instead of 26 fl. in beavers.

The bakers request by petition to be relieved from taking out a licence every three months and paying 6fl. Marginal order: The Burgomasters refer petitioners to the Director General and Council, who have given the order. Done etc. September 26, 1661.

Order.

Willem Bordingh, skipper of the ship *Doele*, is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters, to deliver for the City, according to custom, to bearer hereof, Lodowyck Pos, Burgher Marshal, 25 lbs. of powder. Done, etc., September 23, 1661.

On the 27th of September the same order was sent to Pieter Reyersen, skipper of the *Beaver*, and Jan Berger, skipper of the *St. Jan Baptist.*

Friday, October 7, 1661, at the City Hall present

Messrs. Allard Anthony, Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Marten Cregier.

At his request the office of gauger and stampmaster is given to Jan Jelizen Koeck provisionally for one year, conform to the instructions given to the former gauger December 20, 1658, on condition, that at the end of the year he asks for it again.

Pieter Schaafbanck, called in, is told, that the City has great expenses and he is asked, whether he wishes to continue in his office as jailer without salary, receiving only quarters and fuel, if he should remain. He says, he will consider it.

The President reports, that contrary to orders the Rattlewatch calls at 4 o. c. a. m.: Rise up from bed etc., but does not call at midnight, which ought to be changed. Jan Jelissen is therefore ordered to call the Proovost.

Joost Goderus and Barent Jacobzen Cool report, that they have been ordered to go and work on board ships, which has forced the Burghers to let their work stand and they maintain, they are not bound to do it. They are told, if they are opposed to it and request to be discharged from the work on board, that then they would be informed, they might no longer work at the Company's Warehouse, and they are advised, not to oppose it and when they are ordered to such work to hire others for the Burghers' service.

Lodowyck Pos, Captain of the Rattlewatch, is directed to communicate to his men the following order:

The Rattlewatch is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters, in conformity with former orders and rules, to call the hours at all the corners prescribed and not to stop before reveille has been sounded, under a penalty of a month's pay for each and besides arbitrary correction.

In order, that this may be done, as prescribed, Lodowyck Pos is charged, to pay strict attention by loss of his office.

** The wife of Abraham Pietersen Carpyn entering, she is asked, why her husband has not paid for his Burgherright, his note having fallen due. She answers, that he has met with great losses and requests a delay of two months. ** Further asked, how much money of Jan Albersen she has attached, she says about 40 fl. and is willing, that the City may receive it.

Down to ** this paragraph is repeated in the original and then it goes on: As the time has passed, the Burgomasters decide, that she must pay upon the demand of the Treasurer or his order.

Friday, October 14, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before).

Lodowyck Pos, Captain of the Rattlewatch, is asked, how it comes, that his men do not obey the order of the Burgomasters, still calling before day break: Rise up from bed. He answers, the watchmen say, they do not want to be ridiculed by other people and call in the day time.

Cornelis Hendricksen, the drummer, is asked, why he does not obey the order of the Burgomasters regarding the call "Rise, etc." He says, when reveille is beaten it is day; whereupon he is told, that he must obey orders or be discharged. He answers, he will obey and is ordered to do so conform to the regulation, published eight days ago.

Andries Andriezen asked, whether he is willing to call, when the day breaks: Rise up etc., says Yes.

Cornelis Barensen
Hendrick van Doesburgh
Albert Leenderzen
Jacques Pryn
Hendrick van Bommel
Abraham Kimberley
} asked as above say Yes

Hendrick van Bommel returning is asked, how it is, that he allowed the thief to escape, who had stolen the coal (cabbage?)* and whom he and his comrade captured. He says, walking around with his mate and arresting the man they took the coal (cabbage) from him and the mate said: We'll let him go, we know, who he is. Thereupon Abraham Kimberley was called in, who said, the man was an employé of the Company, to-wit Mesach, the Company's mason, and they tell all the details.

Lodowyck Pos returning, he is ordered to be careful and inspect the watchmen now and then without regard to hour.

Jan Jelizen Kock says, that he has spoken to

* The Dutch word *Kool* stands for both coal and cabbage.

Abraham Pietersen about the money for the Burgherright, who had answered, the devil may pay, as he had no money. The Burgomasters order Abraham Pietersen to pay to-day or to-morrow. He requests permission to be a butcher, but is told he must first pay for his Burgherright.

Jan Gerrizen van Couwenhoven, summoned by Jan Jelisen Kock before the Board for non-payment of Rattlewatch dues, is absent. The Burgomasters order him promptly to pay Jan Jelissen Kock said 8 fl. or in default the Officer Pieter Tonneman is authorized and requested to levy on said Jan Gerrisen van Couwenhoven by execution.

Joannes van Couwenhoven, summoned for non-payment of 6 fl. is absent and the same order as before is given.

Friday, October 21, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. Pieter Tonneman, Allard Anthony, Paulus Leendersen van der Grift, Marten Cregier and Olof Stevensen van Cortlant.

The President produces an extract from the Register of Resolutions of the Director General and Council, dated October 13, 1661, concerning deliberations for the best of the community, to prevent that some covetous engrossers do not buy more maize, venison and other things, which the savages bring to market, to sell it at enhanced prices to the poor people, and the President requests each member to give his advice. After some discussion it is decided,

that two tradinghouses should be established for this purpose and the savages be charged to sell their goods at no other places, than these. It is also ordered, that the planks lying before the house of Mr. Hans* shall be removed, to erect there one trading house for the Indians.

Hendrick Willemsen Backer (the baker) and Cristoffel Hooglant appear before the Board and are informed, that the Director General and Council have elected and confirmed them as foremen of the bakers: they are asked, whether they will accept the office for the benefit of the community and answer Yes,

Commission.

Whereas according to an extract from the Register of Resolutions of the Director General and Council, dated October 13, 1661, on the nomination of the Burgomasters of this City Hendrick Willemsen Backer and Cristoffel Hooghlant have by their Honours been elected and confirmed as overseers of the bread, to be baked in this jurisdiction, therefore the Burgomasters aforesaid herewith charge and authorize said Backer and Hooghland to see, that the bread is made of good material, proper weight and well baked and they are to perform their duties for the welfare of the community and the inhabitants. Done etc.

Whereas the Officer Pieter Tonneman has seized a loaf of coarse bread, baked by Reynier the baker,

* Surgeon Hans Kierstede.

and whereas the same is not as it ought to be, therefore it is shown to the above said overseers to express their opinion. After examining it they say, that the bread was made of honest material, but not well worked and fermented, also badly baked and made by some one, who has no knowledge of it or having knowledge has been in a hurry and Hendrick the baker declares, he might add something, but he has no time now.

Reynier Willemsen Backer (baker) coming in is shown by the Officer the bread baked by Reynier and seized. Asked, how it comes, that the bread is so bad, Reynier says, that he was out and had put the boys to work meanwhile, also that the people did not give him peace, constantly trying to pull the bread out of the oven, even when he said, it was not done yet and must remain in the oven for another hour: he further says, the wheat was from Gravesend, which is not as good as the grain from elsewhere.

Returning Reynier is told, to bake good and fit bread for the best possible accommodation of the community and this time he is let off, but he must be careful.

In the afternoon the same members were present.

Hendrick Willemsen Backer appears again and states, that the bakers cannot go on with their business, if they are to continue baking only for their wages, as they lose much time taking the grain to and from the mill: he also has said to Reynier, that

he should not blame his boys, which would not be done in Holland.

The Burgomasters resolve to change the price of bread, provided the bakers bake the flour as it comes from the mill, white and good, and no cakes, cracknels or sweet cakes, and the price of bread has been fixed as follows:

A loaf of wheat bread of 8 lbs. 22 st.
" " " rye " " " " " 18 "
" " " white " " " " " 5 "

Saturday, November 4, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs Pieter Tonneman, Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Allard Anthony.

The Burgomasters have adopted the following instructions for Master Evert Pietersen, the schoolmaster, to regulate himself thereby

Instructions and Rules for Schoolmaster Evert Pietersen, drawn up by the Burgomasters of this City with advice of the Director General and Council.

First. He shall take good care, that the children, coming to his school, do so at the usual hour, namely at 8 in the morning and one in the afternoon.

2. He must keep good discipline among his pupils.

3. He shall teach the children and pupils the Christian prayers, commandments, baptism, Lord's supper, and the questions with answers of the catechism, which are taught here every Sunday afternoon in the church.

4. Before school closes he shall let the pupils sing some verses and a psalm.

5. Besides his yearly salary he shall be allowed to demand and receive from every pupil quarterly as follows:

for each child, whom he teaches the a b c, spelling and reading 30 st.
for teaching to read and write 50 "
" " to read, write and cipher 60 "
from those who come in the evening and between times pro rata a fair sum.
the poor and needy, who ask to be taught for God's sake he shall teach for nothing.

6. He shall be allowed to demand and receive from every body, who makes arrangements to come to his school and comes before the first half of the quarter preceding the 1st of December next the school dues for the quarter, but nothing from those, who come after the first half of the quarter.

7. He shall not take more from anybody, than is herein stated. Thus done and decided by the Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. November 4, 1661.

The Burgomasters charge the Officer to direct all bakers in the jurisdiction of this City not to bake anything else, but coarse and white bread and always to keep coarse bread publicly for sale in the shops.

To-day Jan Jelissen Kock, measurer of cans, ells and weights has taken the oath of fidelity.

Instructions for the gauger of measures and

weights, used by Burghers and inhabitants of this City.

1. He shall carefully see, that the measures and weights are neither too large nor too small, neither too heavy nor too light.

2. He shall also be careful of the right size and weight of his own measures and weight on pain of dismissal.

3. He shall be held to accommodate all and every body without delay or hindrance and for this purpose he must remain in his dwelling in the City or if he goes out, he must leave word, where he is to be found and he must prevent complaints.

4. As before said this office has been given him provisionally, but a change of the duties by increase or decrease remains within the discretion of the Burgomasters, to whom he is bound yearly to show his instructions, asking for continuation in office.

5. He shall demand and receive for every piece stamped as follows:

for each ell* 8 stivers

for each can 3 st. and if some cans require gauging and engraving he shall be allowed to receive therefor besides the stamping 2 stivers.

for each weight from 1 to 20 lbs, 1 st.
" " " 20 to 50 " 4 "
" " above 50 " 6. " Done etc.

Friday, November 11, 1661, at the City Hall

*The Dutch ell is three quarters of an English yard.

present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Allard Anthony.

Having considered, what the merchants should pay for unloading and loading their goods as wharfage dues the Burgomasters have decided : for a box of duffels 6 stivers, for a hogshead 2 st. and for a package, the size of a box of duffels, also 6 st.

Pieter Schaafbanck, called in, is ordered to take better care of the City Hall,

The Burgomasters have been informed, that the shipwrights working on the City's ship draw more than 1100 fl. in wampum from the Treasury for wages, at the rate of 16 fl. in beavers.

Friday, November 18, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift, Allard Anthony, Marten Cregier and Olof Stevensen van Cortlant.

Claas Mareschal summoned before the Board for non-payment of his Burgherright according to note given appears and says, having lately come from Fort Orange he requests time. The Burgomasters condemn Claas Mareschal to pay to the Treasurer for his small Burgherright 3⅓ beavers within eight days, which he has failed to do until now. He agrees to pay at the rate of 16 fl. in wampum for the beaver, as the Treasurer will allow that.

Pieter Ebel appearing asks for his anker of Annise attached in the hands of Jacobus Backer.

Reynier Rycker appearing before the Board,

shows a bill of Jacob Backer against the City for 237 fl. 18 st. for planks and nails delivered in 1655.

The bakers request by petition a raise of the price of white, wheat and rye bread and permission to bake little cakes, sweet cakes and cracknels once or twice the week. Marginal order: The Burgomasters grant the request to bake cakes and cracknels, provided coarse bread is kept in the shop for public sale at the prescribed price and not dearer, but if petitioners fail to bake coarse bread, they shall neither bake cakes and cracknels.

Friday, December 2, 1661, present (as before).

The President reports, the Director General has decided, that the Farmer of the slaughter excise shall not take more for excise than 1½ stivers of the florin in such pay, as has been given for the animal; and therefore it is resolved to send to the Farmer this

Order

Whereas many Burghers and inhabitants of this City complain, that the Farmer of the slaughter excise exacts one stiver heavy money of the florin, without regard to the animals, which have been bought for wampum or beavers or wares at beaver price, valuing them at his own pleasure, therefore with the knowledge of the Director General the Burgomasters, wishing to prevent the dissatisfaction and complaints, have decided and order the said Farmer, that he shall not demand and take more

than 1½ st. or 7½ p. ct. for the animals, reported to him, in such pay, as the reported animal has been bought for. Done etc.

Hermen Vedder is asked, why he does not pay for his Burgherright. He says, he does not know, that he ought to and is shown a letter from Mr. van Ruyven, who has undertaken to pay, if he (Vedder) does not, whereupon he says, he will pay.

Mighiel Muyden, who shows by his petition, that during his absence in Holland he has kept fire and light here, is asked, where he has kept it: he says in his warehouse and he has paid his servant for fourteen months 40 fl. Further asked, whether he has only paid the Rattlewatch dues for his house, he answers, he has no house, offering to pay the City taxes, fallen due during his absence. When he returns, the Board inform him, they had decided, he should pay 30 fl. in wampum, not including his great Burgherright.

Mighiel Muyden reports, that Jan Coopal has let the house, in which he lives, without having first spoken to him and he asks, whether that may be done, as he has hitherto lived there undisturbed. He is advised, to lay the matter before the Court.

Frerick Gysberzen is informed the Burgomasters have out of consideration decided, that he shall pay for his Burgherright 30 fl. in wampum.

Lodowyck Pos reports, that the Rattlewatch has no firewood. The Burgomasters allow to the men 14 pieces weekly or 2 pieces for each night, which

Pieter Schaafbanck is ordered to deliver to them every Friday.

The Burgomasters resolve to petition the Director General and Council for permission to collect from all ships 5 stivers per last wharfage dues and for every hogshead exported 2 st., other freight pro rata.

Friday, December 9, 1661, present same as before.

The porters of the Weighhouse request by petition an increase of wages and to be exempted from paying Rattlewatch dues. Marginal order: The request of petitioners is for the present denied.

The President reports the propositions made yesterday to the Director General and Council and their answer.

Having received the request of Cornelis Barensen the Burgomasters decide, that everybody is bound to have his grain measured, except what is grown on his own land.

Friday, December 23, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Allard Anthony.

The Concierge (Sheriff's officer) Mattheus de Vos inquires, where the goods of Boudewyn van Nieuwlandt are to be sold and is told, at the house of Metje Wessels.

Regnier Wisselpenninck is asked, why he does not pay his Burgherright and answers, he has paid it and has not been out of the Province of New

Netherland since, which upon investigation is found to be so.

Guiliam de Vos has taken the Burgher's oath December 30, 1661.

Friday, January 12, 1661, present same as before.

Lodowyck Pos, Captain of the Rattlewatch, is asked after the behaviour of Cornelius Barensen, as complaints are made that he comes for duty after 9 o'c. and is not watchful. He answers, that the man does his duty well enough, but, since his wife has left, comes about a quarter past nine.

Schepen Pieter van Couwenhoven, as a committee from the Court, is requested to have the half schepel of Govert Loockermans measured in his presence and stamped, if of proper size.

Order for Paulus van de Beeck.

Whereas many Burghers and inhabitants of this City complain, that the Farmer of the slaughter excise charges 1 stiver heavy money on the florin, appraising the animals as he pleases, contrary to the conditions of farm-letting the excise, which were prescribed by the general office, which rates the beaver at 12 fl., in wampum, therefore the Burgomasters, with the knowledge of the Director General and wishing to prevent trouble, orders Paulus van de Beeck, the Farmer of said excise, henceforth not to rate the beaver higher or to take from anybody more, than the said conditions allow, figuring the beaver at 12 fl. in wampum.

The Secretary is directed by the Burgomasters to help remembering, that a report be made to the bench of Burgomasters and Schepens on the charges, paid by ships, barks and merchants for discharging and taking in goods at the landing place, also on the port.

Order, how the members of the Rattlewatch shall go on duty.

Frans Jansen	Jacques Pryn
with	with
Hend. Van Doesburgh	And. Andriezen
Corn. Barensen	Abraham Carmel
with	with
Albert Leenderzen	Peter Janzen Steenhaler

Pieter Schaafbanck, the jailer, is asked, what he has resolved to do concerning the proposition made to him October 7th, whether he is willing to continue in his service as jailer for free house rent and firewood or give up the place. He answers, it is not possible, that he should receive no pay, which having been considered the Burgomasters allow him a yearly salary of 50 fl.

Lodowyck Pos returning is directed to pay better attention and to order his men henceforth to walk less noisily, also inform them of the following order:

The Rattlewatch is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters henceforth not to dare and discharge their water on the steps of the City Hall; if it is found to have again been done he, who has done it, shall be arbitrarily punished and if he cannot be found out

and his comrades will not tell the culprit, all shall be spoken to and each shall lose each time 6 fl. of his monthly pay, as long as the person is not discovered. Done etc.

On the 20th of January, 1662, Frans Janzen, Peter Janzen and Albert Leenderzen, members of the Rattlewatch, have as such been sworn in by the Burgomasters.

Thursday, January 26, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs Paulus Leendersen van der Grift, Allard Anthony, Marten Cregier and Olof Stevensen van Cortlant.

Jacques Corteljau appears on summons and is asked, how he progresses with the map of the City. He answers, as far as he is concerned, it is done and that it has already been in the hands of van der Veen for 6 weeks; he promises to have it ready this week.

The President reports, that the Burgomasters and Schepens have received from the Director General and Council the answer *fiat quod petitur* to their request: he also reports, the Consistory of this City say, it is necessary, as many poor people come from the country, to pass the plate for a general collection, about which the General has written, he had heard, that not only here in the City but also outside of it à collection was demanded for the support of the poor coming from outside.

The Burgomasters resolve to send an order to the

Deaconry of this City, directing them not to give assistance to any body, except to the poor of this City and to provide these poor with clothing, food and a little money; also to make a note of to whom assistance is given.

Monday, January 30, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Allard Anthony.

Before the Board appear Messrs. Marten Cregier and Olof Stevensen van Cortlant. Mr. Marten Cregier delivers to the Board of Schout, Burgomasters and Schepens of this City his accounts of the revenues and expenditures, which on examination are found to be correct.

Monday, February 5, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leendersen van der Grift and Olof Stevensen van Cortlant.

Messrs. Allard Anthony and Marten Cregier, summoned before the Board, appear and the bonds were examined, according to which the City has claim on several people, of whom there is a list. It is decided, to make a settlement with them and Mr. Allard Anthony, now Treasurer, receives all the papers, books etc of the City's revenues and expenditures, also a list thereof and his commission in *communi forma.*

Friday, February 17, 1662, present as before.

Mr. Allard Anthony, Treasurer of the City, states,

that Jan Jelissen Kock has summoned several people, who are unwilling to pay, namely:

Hermen Vedder, refusing to pay the Rattlewatch dues, says, he does not live here and therefore is not bound to pay; he would speak about it to the General and if he says, he ought to pay, he'll do it. The Burgomasters order him to pay.

Daniel de Haart, who refuses to pay for his Burgherright, says, he is in the employ of his brother and does no business of his own; he undertakes to prove it, which he is ordered to do, and re-entering he shows an invoice, but as that has nothing to do with the case, he is told, if he can prove, that he is his brother's clerk, he is free, not else, and the matter is deferred until his brother comes.

Reinier Willemzen the baker, on account of his boy, says, as he is a boy, he is not bound to pay.

The Treasurer produces a string of wampum, saying Teunis Cray had shown it to him, as having been offered to Jacob the baker for bread, who refused to accept it.

Claas de Haan says in regard to his refusal to pay Rattlewatch dues, it was strange, that he and Joannes van der Meulen were asked for it. The Burgomasters decide, that he must pay, as long as he is here.

Lodowyck de Roy, refusing to pay Rattlewatch dues, is condemned to pay them.

Order.

Mr. Allard Anthony, Treasurer of this City, is

herewith ordered by the Burgomasters, to demand and collect from everybody, above 16 years old, without exception, the dues for the Rattlewatch. Done etc.

Jan Gerrizen van Buytenhuysen appearing shows a letter from his brother and says, as he has half the profit of the goods, sent by his brother to the cousin (nephew)* Andries Buytenhuys and is the next of kin in regard to the property left by him, he wishes to know, whether he may sell the goods. He is told, to have the letter recorded, to dispose of the case as shall be found proper.

Wednesday, February 22, 1662, present (as before).

The Burgomasters resolve, to appoint administrators of the property left by Sicx van der Stighelen, Andries Buytenhuyzen and Tys Janzen Timmerman (carpenter), as which are chosen, viz.: for the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen, Joannes van der Meulen and Joannes de Witt, for that of Andries Buytenhuyzen Isaack Bedlo and Jan Gerrisen van Buytenhuyzen and for Tys Janzen, the carpenter's, Jan Dircksen Mayer and Tomas Lambersen. These administrators were called before the Board and requested to enter upon their duties, dispose of the goods by selling them to the best advantage and do everything for the benefit of the creditors, which they promise to do.

* The Dutch word *neef* stands for cousin, nephew and even grandson.

Commission.

Whereas N. N. has unfortunately perished here in New Netherland on the 10th of February of this year 1662, leaving besides some accountbooks and papers concerning his business some goods and merchandize, and whereas it is necessary for the best advantage of the creditors and heirs, that administrators be appointed, to regulate the estate, that those, interested in it, may come to their own, therefore the Burgomasters of this City elect and qualify as such X. Y. Z., who are requested and authorized to bring in order the accounts and papers of N. N., sell the property left by him to the best advantage of the creditors in this country with the knowledge and by order of the Burgomasters. Done etc.

In the commission for the administrators of Tys Janzen, the carpenter's estate it read: Whereas etc. leaving some property and carpenter's tools outstanding debts and credits and whereas it is necessary etc. that said goods for the best advantage etc.

Monday, March 3, 1662, present (as before).

Mr. Allard Anthony reports, that there are within this City yet some houses with wooden and plastered chimneys, which may cause great damages by fire, as in the house of David Wessels, and that the chimney of the house of Lambert Hendricksen comes out even with the roof, just back of Bartholdus Maan's house, which should be changed, to prevent disaster:

whereupon the following order was given to the Firewardens:

The Firewardens are herewith ordered by the Burgomasters, as soon as possible to go round with the Officer, condemning all wooden and plastered chimneys, especially in the Marketfield Alley the chimney of David Wessels, and all others in this City's jurisdiction, and to direct Lambert Hendricksen to build his chimney higher above the roof. Done etc.

The Officer Pieter Tonneman is herewith requested by the Burgomasters to accompany the Firewardens at their request to condemn all wooden and plastered chimneys in this City's jurisdiction. Done etc.

Jacob van de Water is allowed by the Burgomasters for making the map of this City, according to his bill for 96 fl. in beavers, the sum of 100 fl. in wampum.

Order.

Whereas Daniel de Haart remains the agent of his brother Balthasar de Haart, who has gone to the Virginias and hence to Old England, therefore the Burgomasters decide, that like others he has to pay for his Burgherright.

Mr. Allard Anthony proposes, as Jan Jelissen Kock is in the service of the City and of the Orphanmasters, that when people come from out of the City and no messengers are at hand, he may also make

attachments for the City and the Orphans Court, which shall be as legal, as if made by the City's messenger.

Friday, March 10, 1662, present (as before).

Jacques Corteljau appears and is asked, how much he charges for making the City map: he answers he leaves that to the Board, adding, that if made in the Fatherland, such a map would bring 100 ryksdaalders.* The Burgomasters allow him for making the map and other services for the City 100 fl. in heavy money.

Teunis Cray petitions for some assistance from the City. Marginal order: The petition shall be considered in due time.

To-day the proclamation for a Day of Prayer is read.

The Burgomasters nominate Churchwardens and Orphanmasters and submit the nominations in due form to the Director General and Council:

Honourable, Valiant Gentlemen.

Whereas your Honours have been pleased to appoint the Hon^{ble} Olof Stevensen van Cortlant, late Orphanmaster, to the office of Burgomaster and Churchwarden Hendrick Jansen van der Vin has served his term, which requires new appointments, therefore the Burgomasters of this City submit the nomination of a double number for election, to-wit:

* Equal to $100.

For Churchwarden.

Joannes de Decker, Councillor of New Netherland
Govert Loockermans.

For Orphanmaster.

Allard Anthony, Old Burgomaster
Pieter Wolferzen van Couwenhoven, late Schepen.

We request, that you confirm from these, whom you consider most fit. Done etc.

Copy. Extract from the Register of Resolutions of the Director General and Council, Thursday, March 16, 1662.

The Director General and Council having received and read the nominations made and submitted by the Burgomasters of this City, have therefrom selected and confirmed as Orphanmaster in place of the outgoing

Pieter Wolferzen van Couwenhoven, late Schepen. Done at Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland March 16, 1662. Beneath stood: Agrees with the Register. C. v. Ruyven, Secretary, and a copy thereof in *communi forma* was given to said Pieter W. van Couwenhoven.

Friday, March 17, 1662, present (as before).

Before the Board appeared Teunis Tomassen van Naarden, who wishes to know, as he has heard that Burgomaster Paulus Leendersen has received a letter from his (Teunis') wife, what she writes and he is told, that she says in her letter, whereas she owes, as

he knows, 300 to 400 fl. to several parties, he should send over enough beavers to pay these debts, and if he wishes her with him, he is to come. Teunis asks to be given the letter; to let somebody read it to him, which is granted and he is ordered to have a copy made of the contract for the purchase of his house, in order to see, how much stands to his credit.

Tryntje van Campen appears showing the petition, offered a week ago and she requests assistance by being given some office under the City. The Burgomasters promise to consider the case.

Friday, March 24, 1662, present (as before).

Cornelis Janzen Coele asks to be discharged from arrest.

The Firewardens ask for written orders, first, that the buckets be greased and attended to, secondly, that everybody, having powder in his house may be ordered to take good care of it, to prevent disaster in case of a fire, against which God may guard, thirdly that wells be made, fourthly for firehooks and where to place them, fifthly, what they are to do, if a fire breaks out, as they have nothing to show, that they are firemen, sixthly, what and how much fines they may impose, seventhly, an order, that nobody shall use a firebucket on pain of being fined, eighthly, how much they are to receive for their lost time. Having read this request the Burgomasters promise, to consider it.

David Wessels and Frerick Arenzen report, that

some people come from out of the City asking for work or to make chair matting and are allowed to earn the wages, but as they are Burghers and pay City taxes they request, that it may be forbidden, for it prevents them to earn a support for themselves and their families. The Burgomasters promise, to consider it.

The Burgomasters have resolved to issue an order that no fruit market shall be held at the prescribed place and date.

Abraham Janzen, the carpenter, appears upon summons and is asked, whether he could not work a month for the City. He says No, as he is engaged on other work.

Reinier Wisselpenninck is asked the same question and gives the same answer.

Adolph Pieterzen is called in and asked, whether he could not work eight to ten days for the City, putting up a little house, for the Indians to offer their wares. He answers, that he has work on hand, but returning he says, if the Board would please to wait a few days, he would do it, which is accepted.

Before the Board appears Tomas Lambersen, administrator of Tys Jansen, the carpenter's, estate, and reports, that Tytus de Vries demands salvage, because he had found said Tys and brought the body home: he asks, what he shall pay. The Burgomasters allow Tytus de Vries 20 fl. for fishing up and saving the body of Tys Janzen, the carpenter.

The administrators of the estate of Tys Janzen,

the carpenter, are herewith ordered by the Burgomasters to pay to the Treasurer of this City for the account of Tytus Cyre de Vries the sum of 20 fl. for fishing up and bringing ashore the body of Tys Jansen, to be credited against what said Tytus owes to the City for his Burgherright. Done etc.

Honourable, Valiant Gentlemen.

Whereas you have been pleased to allow to the Burgomasters of this City the nomination of the succeeding Churchwardens and as the term of Churchwarden Hendrick Jansen van der Vin has expired, and it is required to put another in his place, therefore a double number is submitted to you, namely

Govert Loockermans and
Jan Vigne, both late Schepens.

and your Honours are requested to select therefrom, whom you may deem the most fit. Done March 30, 1662.

By order etc.

Friday, April 7, 1662, present (as before).

Before the Board appears Hendrick Jansen van der Vin, Churchwarden of this City, who asks permission on behalf of the Church to take away the box in the City Hall, which is granted.

Joannes van der Meulen and Joannes de Witt, administrators of the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen appear, who are urged to hasten the matter in their charge.

Hendrick van Bommel asks by petition for resti-

tution of 15 feet of land, belonging to him of the little street along his house and given by the Burgomasters to Hendrick Eghbersen. Marginal reply: The Burgomasters will inspect the locality.

The Secretary is ordered by the Burgomasters to deliver his commission to the newly elected Churchwarden Govert Loockermans.

The President reports, that the bakers intend to export their grain from here to Fort Orange, which ought to be prevented. The Burgomasters decide, to consult Jacob the baker and Reinier Wileemsen about it.

Wednesday, April 12, 1662, present (as before).

The Burgomasters decide, to send the following order to Churchwarden Hendrick Jansen van der Vin:

The late Churchwarden Hendrick Jansen van der Vin is herewith ordered to make ready his accounts of the Church revenues and expenditures as soon as possible and submit them to the Burgomasters. Done etc.

The Board adopts the following articles and instructions for the Firewardens.

Friday, April 21, 1662, at the City Hall present (as before).

Before the Board appears Hendrick Jansen van der Vin, late Churchwarden, who delivers his accounts of the Church money, received and paid

out, as more fully may be seen by the bills filed in this City Hall.

Articles and Instructions, adopted by the Burgomasters for the Firewardens.

1. The Firewardens of this City are directed to see, that no more roofs be covered with reeds nor the old ones repaired under a penalty of 6 fl.

2. That no wooden nor plastered chimneys be made in this City and to condemn those, which may have remained, and have them torn down in a prescribed time under a fine of 6 fl. for each time, if their order is not obeyed.

3. If in inspecting they find any chimney foul they may fine him, whose chimney is in such condition, 3 fl. for the first time, 6 fl. for the second and 12 fl. for the third.

4. They shall take care, that the ladders and firebuckets are not used by the inhabitants under a fine of 1fl. each time.

5. They shall be obliged to go to a fire with a black staff with three crosses under the penalty of 3 fl. for the Officer.

6. They shall be held, to make an inspection at least every three months and see, that the firebuckets are in their places, having those, which are damaged, brought to the City Hall, where they will then be repaired on the order of the Burgomasters.

7. They shall take care, that the porters of the Weighhouse and the beer carriers, as well as the grainmeasurer, go to the fire and remain there, until

the fire is out or as long as the Firewardens deem it advisable under a penalty of 3 fl. for each person.

8. The Firewardens shall take care, that no little fires are made outside of the houses, to cook by in summer, which may cause a conflagration.

9. The Firewardens shall receive for their services all beforementioned fines.

Thus done and adopted at Amsterdam in New Netherland, April 21, 1662.

Before the Board appear Sieur Isaack Bedlo and Jan Gerrizen van Buytenhuyzen, administrators of the estate of Andries van Buytenhuysen, who perished here on the 10th of February of this year: they submit the accounts and papers of said estate and having seen the bill for board of Jan Gerrizen against Andries and his book, the Burgomasters find three items on three different dates, about which they speak to him and ask, when he has entered them. He says, as soon as the man was dead, whereupon he was ordered to make a more detailed account at more reasonable prices.

The said administrators are requested to hasten the matter and Isaack Bedlo was allowed to employ Jan Jelissen Kock for collecting the moneys for said estate.

Wednesday, May 3, 1662, present (as before).

Before the Board appears Jan Gerrisen van Buytenhuysen, who is asked, what agreement he had made with his nephew Andries van Buytenhuysen

about board; he says, none and that his nephew had told him; 'Cousin, we shall settle that all right.' As he charges 14 fl. weekly for board, he is asked, whether while he was alive, he had given the equivalent to his nephew, which he affirms.

As there is an account between Jan Gerrisen and Andries van Buytenhuysen and the books and papers are in the hands of Isaack Bedlo, said Bedlo is called, who coming with the books, it is found, that Jan Gerrisen owes Andries a balance of 418 fl. 17. and has bought goods from the estate for 223 fl.; he has also received on orders 101 fl. 6. and owes to the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen 87 fl., a total of 330 fl. 3.

Having received the bill of Jan Gerrisen van Buytenhuysen against the estate of Andries van Buytenhuysen for board for seventy one weeks at 14 fl. a week, the Burgomasters consider that too much and reduce it to 12 fl. weekly, which makes it 852 fl. and Isaack Bedlo, as administrator of said estate, is ordered to enter this sum, deducting also 6 fl. for two pieces of wash leather, for which Jan Gerrisen owes the estate, further according to the books for the goods bought at public auction, money received and what he owes to the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen.

Friday, May 12, 1662, present (as before).

Metje Wessels appears and is asked, how much she owes yet to Philipp Jacobsen Schaaff; she says

"nothing" and that she has his receipt, also that there is due to her from Philipp Schaaff one beaver.

Joannes van der Meulen and Joannes de Witt, administrators of the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen produce a statement thereof and a list of the debtors. The Burgomasters order to select some of them and summon those, who refuse to pay.

Annetje Dircks, widow of Pieter Kock, summoned by the administrators of the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen, appears and is asked, how much she still owes to said Sticx. She answers not more than four beavers, which Mr. Cornelis van Ruyven has agreed to pay, but which are not yet paid; further referring to Sister Jans, her maid, this one says, that she carried some beavers to Sicx van der Stighelen on behalf of her mistress and said to him: "Now my mistress is quits with you," whereupon he answered "Yes." Anneken Dircks offers to confirm under oath, that she owes not more to the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen, than the four beavers, which Mr. van Ruyven has agreed to pay.

Wernaar Wessels entering, the Burgomasters take and examine his accounts against Sicx van der Stighelen and find, Wernaar Wessels claims from the estate 53 fl. 11 st. 8 p. in wampum and 36 fl. in beavers. It is found, that 55 fl. are due from the same estate to Govert Loockermans.

Friday, May 26, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Oloff Stevensen van Cortlant, Paulus

Leenderzen van der Grift, Allard Anthony and Marten Cregier.

It is resolved to lay before the Director General and Council of New Netherland the necessity of keeping up the Heere Gracht (Broad Street*) and for that purpose to ask permission for compelling parties, who are not willing to pay their share of the expenses, submitting at the same time the resolutions of the Director General, adopted at the meeting of this Board in the City Hall June 23, 1660.

Friday, June 2, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Olof Stevensen and Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.

Pieterje Jans, wife of Claas Jansen Ruyter, summoned by the administrators of the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen, appears and the administrators demand from her payment of what she owes to the estate. She answers, she has paid it and confirms her assertion by oath at the hands of the President.

Hendrick Coutrie, summoned by the administrators, appears and they demand payment, whereupon he produces a counter-account, which he has sworn to and it is found, that there are still due him by Sicx van der Stighelen 4 fl. in beavers, 3 fl. 4 st. 12 p. in wampum and 12 fl. in silver, which the administrators are ordered to pay.

Hendrick Aarzen, alias Spaanjaart, summoned as before, is asked by the administrators for payment

*Then a waterway.

of 36 fl. 1 st., whereupon he says, he has to receive from Sicx 10 fl. in beavers for board and passage money and 3 fl. in wampum, which he agreed to pay for Jan Hendricksen Steelman. The Burgomasters order Hendrick Aarsen to pay the administrators 14 fl. 1 st. and to prove, that Sicx had agreed to pay 8 fl. for Jan Hendricksen Steelman.

Lysbet Greveraat, the wife of D^{e} Samuel Drisius, summoned as before, appears and the administrators produce an account, taken by Lysbet from her books, concerning the goods, bought from Sicx van der Stigelen. Upon examination of this account and the entries in the books, kept by Sicx and brought by the administrators, they are found to agree except the cloth, of which Sicx had sold her 135 ells. Said Lysbet says, it was not so much, but she had only three bales and two pieces, of which one piece was 15½ ells, the other 14 and the bales not measured; also that they would not measure as much, but she cannot say positively, how much she has had, as she has sold an ell now and then and believes she has not entered all. The Burgomasters direct her to bring in at the next session a specification of how many ells of cloth she has had from Sicx van der Stighelen as far as she can find out from her books.

The wife of Pieter Lauwerensen, summoned by the administrators, appears and they demand from her 205 fl. in wampum and part of it in pewter. She says, she has paid it in beavers and wampum. The

Burgomasters order her to come again to-morrow between 8 and 9 o'clock and prove it.

Hendrick Aarsen Spaanjaart returning, he is asked, where he lives: he says, on the yacht, which belongs entirely to Freryck Gysbertsen, as long as he does not pay him. The Burgomasters decide, as the yacht is owned by Hendrick Aarsen Spaanjaart, who has only mortgaged it to Freryck Gysbertsen, Hendrick is bound to buy and pay for his Burgherright.

The Treasurer reports, that the nephew of Jeronimus Ebbinck has bro't here 12 ankers of distilled waters, which he sells to pay his expenses, also that La Graigne has sold some of the goods brought here, both doing it to pay freight and expenses. He therefore asks, whether they are bound to purchase their Burgherright. The Burgomasters decide, they are not bound, as they have brought goods, not required by anybody.

The Treasurer also asks, what he is to do with the Farmer, as the time for payment has passed.

Whereas the Burgomasters of this City have resolved to have erected in the Heere Gracht* at the East River a convenient and durable lock, to keep said Gracht at all times full of water, so that in time of need because of fire, which God may prevent, and at other occasions it may be used and that especially the great and unbearable stench may be suppressed, which arises daily when the water runs out, therefore they direct all and everybody dwelling on either side

* Broad Street.

of said Gracht to pay, upon the demand of the Treasurer or on his order, the share as imposed by the tax of February 13, 1660, even though these moneys were intended to pay expenses for the Gracht and now are to be used for erecting the aforesaid lock. Done etc.

Friday, June 9, 1662, present (as before).

Before the Board appears the Concierge Mattheus de Vos, who reports, that there are some differences between him and the Secretary J. Nevius concerning the fees for selling goods at auction, as he maintains, they belong to him and the Secretary is of the opinion, they are his perquisites, the more so, because the instructions of the Concierge do not mention, that he is to receive any fees, but may demand and receive for attending such a sale 6 fl. for each day of 9 to 11 hours and as much more or less, as circumstances require. The said Secretary and the Concierge entirely refer these differences to the opinion and decision of the Burgomasters, who say, that both are to have the fees, each one half of the fees and of the per diem for attendance of the Concierge. Parties are satisfied with this decision and give thanks to the Board.

The Concierge is admonished, to collect the outstanding debts due to the estate of Nicolaas Velthuysen and of Boudewyn van Nieuwlandt.

The wife of Nicolaas the carter asks, what she is to do to receive her pay from the estates of Sicx van

der Stighelen and Andries van Buytenhuysen for houserent and board. The Burgomasters promise to do the best possible for her.

Monday, June 12, 1662, present (as before).

Before the Board appear Joannes van der Meulen and Joannes de Witt bringing a list of the debtors of Sicx van der Stighelen's estate, of whom they have summoned some, as follows:

Jan Hendrickzen Steelman appears and the administrators demand 198 fl. in beavers. He answers, he has paid and is ordered to prove it. Jan Hendricksen admits to owe for four knives, two small cups and three ankers of brandy, at 145 lbs. of tobacco for the anker; the wife of Carel van Burgh was to have the fourth anker, but did not receive it. The Burgomasters order Jan Hendricksen to go and fetch an export ticket, showing that he has received only 3 ankers.

The wife of Nicolaas Backer is asked, whether she knows, that she has received from Sicx van der Stighelen more, than she has reported; whereupon she answers No. Further asked, why in her two bills she charges for a month's rent of chamber and cellar more than in the first, she answers that the goods have been lying there after the expiration so much longer, for which the Burgomasters allow her half a month's rent.

Then the Burgomasters took up and examined her accounts with Sicx van der Stighelen and found, that

the estate owes her 90 fl. 2½ st. in beavers and she to the estate 91 fl. 20 st., of which amount to her credit she can be preferred only for 3 beavers, the balance coming in concurrence.

Hans Dreper, summoned by the same administrators, appears and they demand payment of what he owes to Sicx van der Stighelen according to accounts. He produces a counter account, saying he had entered everything correctly and sworn to it. He is found to still owe the estate 220 fl. 2 st.

Hilletje Tobias, summoned as before, appearing, the administrators demand from her 200 fl., whereupon she says, she has against that a bill for 105 fl., to which she has sworn. The Burgomasters order her to pay the balance.

Hendrick Janzen Backer (baker), appearing upon their summons, the administrators demand 56 fl. 2 st., on which he says, he has paid 10 schepels of oats at 2 fl. the schepel. He is ordered to pay the rest.

Madaleen Hans, wife of Hendrick Jansen Spiers, appearing the administrators demand 100 fl., of which she says, she has paid 50 and the wife of Nicolaas Backer has counted the money; also that she had given to Sicx a deerskin, when he perished and he had drunk at her house four quarterns of brandy. The Burgomasters order her to prove in writing, that she had paid 50 fl. to Sicx van der Stighelen.

Lambert Hendricksen van Campen, summoned by said administrators, appears and they demand from him 13 fl. 4 st.; he says, he has settled with Sicx, pro-

ducing a counter-account for 13 fl. 18 st., which he offer to swear to.

Nicolaas Meyer, summoned as before, the administrators demand 40 fl. in wampum, against which he says, he has a claim of 12 fl. Holland currency since 1660. The Burgomasters decide to offset one against the other, with which Meyer is satisfied and then he says, that he still has a claim against Sicx for freight, of which he has given the bill.

Jan Sprongh, summoned as before, is asked for 33 fl. 10st. He answers, neither he nor his wife have ever had any goods from Sicx nor have they been in his house, to which he swore.

Marycke La Noy appearing shows an account against Sicx van der Stighelen and asks payment thereof. She is promised payment, as soon as the estate is settled.

Metje Wessels, summoned as before, is asked, what proof she has, that Sicx van der Stighelen had agreed to pay the board of his nephew for fourteen days, which she brings in account against his estate. She says, no other proof, than that he had said: "We shall not quarrel about it," to which is retorted, that her daughter speaking about it to Sicx, he had answered, his nephew's affairs did not concern him. The Burgomasters decide, that the administrators need not pay Metje Wessels the fourteen days' board and of the item of 60 fl. only 40.

The said administrators demand from Lysbet Greveraat, wife of Domine Samuel Drisius, payment

of the bill, of which she says, she has not received as many ells of cloth as charged therein. As she cannot sufficiently prove, how many ells she has had, the Burgomasters decide, that she must pay for as many as charged.

June 15, 1662. Issued an order to skipper Jan Jansen Bestevaar for the payment of wharfage dues, conform to the order to Pieter Reyersen of August 1, 1661.

Friday, June 23, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant, Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Allard Anthony.

The Board orders a warrant to be issued to the Treasurer to collect the tax on chimneys August 1, agreeably to the Ordinance of July 27, 1661.

Wednesday, June 28, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant and Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.

The administrators of the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen appearing lay before the Board the balance sheet of said estate.

Order.

The administrators of the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen are herewith authorized and directed by the Burgomasters to satisfy and pay everybody, who has any claim on said estate and has made it known. Done at Amsterdam in N. N. date as above.

Wessel Wesselsen appearing is informed, that he must pay his note, given to Boudewyn van Nieuwlandt. He says, he cannot do it now, but promises to do it, when he returns from the Virginias. He is ordered to give security for the payment and not to leave, before he has done it.

Arien Franzen Visser is told, that according to the account book he is indebted to Boudewyn van Nieuwlandt. He acknowledges to have been in his debt, but says, he has paid it and offers to confirm it under oath.

Tuesday, July 4, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Pieter Tonneman, Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant and Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.

Adriaan Vincent is directed to pay for his Burgherright. He answers, he has not been long in the country and has left his house here unsold. Taking into consideration, that he has lived here many years and has not made it a business to go and come, the Burgomasters decide, that for the time of his absence he is to pay his dues for the Rattlewatch and chimneys.

Order concerning him to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer is herewith directed, to demand and receive from Adriaan Vincent the dues for the Rattlewatch and the chimney fees, fallen due during his absence.

The administrators of the estate of Sicx van der

Stighelen, coming before the Board, ask, as Joannes de Witt intends to go to Fort Orange, that he may have a letter of recommendation, to collect there debts of the estate. Follows the letter:

Worshipful and very good friends. During the month of February last past there perished here with others one Sicx van der Stighelen; for his estate we have thought it advisable for the best of the creditors to appoint administrators and we have qualified and authorized as such Sieurs Joannes van der Meulen and Joannes de Witt. As said de Witt intends to leave by the first opportunity for Fort Orange, where some debtors of the estate live, therefore at the request of the administrators we pray you to dispatch said de Witt in his business as aforesaid, as quickly as circumstances allow and in case you have troubles by refusal to pay the debts, you will on similar occasions find us as willing at your request. We are and remain your good friends, the Burgomasters and Schepens of the City of Amsterdam in New Netherland. Done etc. July 8, 1662.

Mr. Paulus van der Grift reports, that the Director General has asked him, why the Burgomasters had come to his house, to which he had answered asking, what the General thought of paying the debts of the parties, perished here last February and whether we must wait until letters from their principals had come; requesting at the same time his Honour's advice, whereupon he had said, to follow old customs and act accordingly.

Friday, July 7, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant and Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.

The Treasurer reports, that the "Osaners"* are unwilling to pay the Burgerright and the 20 fl. to go to Fort Orange, before having first kept here in the City, according to rule, an open shop. He asks for an order forbidding their leaving, also that yachts and barges must pay wharfage and port dues and that in default thereof he may make seizures.

Order.

The Treasurer of this City is herewith directed and strictly ordered by the Burgomasters, to demand and collect wharfage and port dues as well as the Burgherright fees and other City taxes without delay, to arrest the unwilling and compel them to pay.

Mettje Wessels entering says, she has given an acquittance to the administrators of Sicx van der Stighelen, who have given her an order on Gabry, but as she does not like to have anything to do with him, she wants an order on the administrators. She is ordered to call upon Gabry for payment and bring back the order, if he fails to pay.

The widow of Willem Pietersen is ordered to pay 20 fl. Rattlewatch dues and other City taxes, all in wampum.

* Not to be found in any dictionary.

Friday, July 21, 1662, present (as before).

Claas van Elslant senior entering produces a bill for the funeral of her husband against Leentje Dirckx Servaas, for the payment of which he had spoken to her, who instead of it gave him a foul answer, saying the house was sold and "Get your pay, where you can." As Gerrit Hendricksen, the Farmer, has bought the house and his son has attached the money, he requests he may lift it. Asked, whether he is too hard with his bill, he does not answer and is ordered to summon Leentje before the Court of Breukelen and to produce proof of acknowledgment.

Secretary Nevius laid before the Burgomasters the return of survey of Mettje Jurriaans' lot in order to receive a deed. The Burgomasters tell him to speak about it to the Treasurer, as he has received the money on his private account for surveying the lots and regulating the streets.

Mr. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift reports, that Joris Wolsy has spoken to him about the lining and running up with rock the wall before his door and that he had answered, his wife's sister, the wife of Carel van Brugh, made some claim to the little street between Joris Wolsy and the City Hall. The Burgomasters decide, she must show her land patent and if according to this the land belongs to her, it shall be set off against the wall, to prevent other claims.

Warrant for the Churchwardens.

As according to an extract from the Register of Resolutions of the Director General and Council, dated March 30, 1662, Govert Loockermans has been by them elected and confirmed as Churchwarden, therefore said Govert Lockermans is herewith requested and authorized to enter upon the duties of this office. Done etc. August 3, 1662.

Friday, August 4, 1662, present (as before).

Mr. Allard Anthony, Treasurer of the City, reports, that there are several people, who refuse to pay the City taxes, wherefore he has summoned them.

Albert Coolhaas, summoned before the Board, appears and is asked, why he does not pay his Burgherright here, as he has brought and sold goods. He says, he has brought and sold some canes and maintains, he was not bound to pay for Burgherright on account of such trifles. He is excused from purchasing the Burgherright, as he has not done any trade of value.

Arien van Laar, summoned and asked as above, answers, he has had fire and light kept here by his brother and therefore asks to pay less than the usual fees for the Burgherright. The Burgomasters masters decide, that Arien van Laar must pay to the Treasurer the whole fees.

Before the Board appears Jan Hendricksen van Gunst, who took the oath as sworn butcher, pursu-

ant to appointment, as he requested, of August 1 last part, after the oath and the instructions had been read to him.

Hans Karelzen, boatman, summoned by the Treasurer, is asked, why he refuses to pay wharfage dues; He offers to pay it, but wants time. The Burgomasters order him to pay to the Treasurer 9 fl. as wharfage dues.

Before the Board comes Mesack Martens, a mason, who had been banished out of the City for his evil deeds some years ago: he now petitions, that he may work here for the time, until the return ships sail, as he intends to go to the Fatherland and wants to earn a few pennies; but, he says, the Officer forbids him to work, until he can show, he has the permission from the Burgomasters. Having heard the request, the Burgomasters allow Mesack Martens to work here in the City, until the ships now ready return, on condition that he behave honestly and virtuously and leave, when the ships sail.

Master Jacob Huges produces a judgment against Lodowyck Pos and as he has been spoken to about his Rattlewatch dues, he requests, that they may be deducted from Pos' salary or that he may attach the same. The Burgomasters say, that cannot be done except with consent of the debtor and City's property cannot be attached.

Jan Janzen van Schorrel,* summoned by the

* Schoorl, a village in North Holland.

Treasurer, is asked, why he does not pay his Burgherright and says, because he has brought no goods here, except a small piece of linnen, having come to collect debts. The Burgomasters release him.

Jan Gerrizen van Buytenhuysen is asked, what has induced him, to dispose of the goods, consigned by his brother to his nephew, without the knowledge of the Burgomasters or of Isaack Bedlo, his fellow-administrator of the estate. He answers, as the goods belonged to his brother and were consigned to him, he considered himself the next authorized thereto. He is ordered to produce his brother's letter and not having it with him, he goes to fetch and show it. Having been read, it was found, the goods were consigned to his nephew, Andries van Buytenhuysen, and not to him, whereupon he was told, that he should not trouble himself with the goods without the knowledge of the Burgomasters or his fellow-administrator nor open the letters. He answers, Isaack Bedlo has also opened a letter without his knowledge or having communicated it to him.

Pieter Arenzen, tailor, summoned before the Board by the Treasurer, is asked, why he does not pay his Burgherright. He answers, because he works as journeyman of Dirck Huybersen. Dirck Huybersen is called in and asked, whether he has hired Pieter Arenzen for a year; he answers No, but by the week. Asked further, whether he has hired him as journeyman and will swear to it, he says, he would not nor could he, as he has first to try him, before he engages

him. Pieter Arenzen returning is told, that Dirck Huybersen refuses to say under oath, that he has hired him as a journeyman and that therefore he has made no contract with him. He says, he works there on that condition and then agrees to pay his Burgher-right, if he can have it cheap. The Burgomasters tell him, he must give 25 fl., with which he is satisfied asking two months time. He is allowed fourteen days, but this limit is not to be kept punctually.

Friday, August 11, 1662, present (as before),

Before the Board appeared Mattheus de Vos, Concierge of this City, who is told, that Tomas Wandel wants his money from the relinquished estate of Nicolaas Velthuysen, to which he answers, that he has partly paid Tomas Wandel, partly set off by countercharges 145 fl. 14 st. and will account with him. Jan Jelissen Kock says, that he has in his charge about 80 fl. belonging to said estate. Mattheus de Vos is directed to hasten the matter in the presence of Claas Gangeloffsen Visser, administrator of the said estate.

Mighiel Muyden and Joannes de Wit ask for an order on the administrators of Sicx van der Stighelen for payment of a bottomry bond, of which they produce a simple copy in favor of Arent Jansen Moesman. The Burgomasters decide, as the copy of the bottomry bond is not authenticated nor made by a Notary, that it has no value and therefore cannot be enforced; that to prove their diligence they are ad-

vised, to summon the administrators before the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens. Joannes de Wit says, he will not be here at the time, as he goes to Fort Orange.

Paulus van der Beeck, Farmer of the slaughter-excise, and his bondsmen, Wernaar Wessels and Gerrit Hendricksen van Harderwyck, appearing says, he has been summoned. He is told, because of what he is behind hand in the payment of the excise: he answers, the money will be paid to-day, Govert Loockermans having agreed to pay it. He wishes to know, how it is with the lot, bought by him from Jan Schryver, lying East of the house and lot of Pieter Pia. He is told to be easy about it.

Tomas Wandel coming in is directed to go to Claas Gangeloffsen Visser, who will pay him.

The Burgomasters resolve, that henceforth there shall be two market days in the week, to wit Tuesday and Saturday, at which time the country people may offer for sale and sell their wares.

Jan Gerrisen van Buytenhuysen and Isaack Bedlo, the administrators of the estate of Andries van Buytenhuysen appearing, Jan Gerrisen is asked for the bill of the goods, which he has sold without the knowledge of Isaac Bedlo, his co-administrators, as well as for the invoice and bill of lading. He says, his wife has gone to Fort Orange and she has the key of the desk, in which the papers lie. The letter of Jacobus van Buytenhuysen to Isaac Bedlo urges the administrators to proceed in the matter, sell the

goods to the best advantage of the creditors, send over the returns now in hand and to keep up the correspondence. Jan Gerrisen says, he has sold some goods, which are not yet paid for.

Friday, August 18, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift, Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant and Allard Anthony.

The Burgomasters resolve, to send the following orders to Gerrit Hendricksen van Harderwyck and Jan Gerrisen van Buytenhuysen.

Order to Gerrit Hendricksen.

Gerrit Hendricksen van Harderwyck, Farmer of the wine and beer excise, is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters, to pay to the Treasurer of this City what he owes for excise or in default other measures will be taken. Done etc.

Order to Jan Gerrizen.

Jan Gerrissen van Buytenhuysen is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters to deliver to Isaack Bedlo, appointed with him administrator of the estate, left by his nephew Andries van Buytenhuysen, with an inventory thereof all the goods and merchandize, consigned by his brother in the Fatherland to the nephew and not yet sold, which he has in his charge and further to give to said Bedlo within three times 24 hours an account of what he has sold of these goods with invoice and bill of lading. Done etc.

Friday, August 25, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leendersen van der Grift and Olof Stevensen van Cortlant.

The President Paulus Leendersen asks, whether somebody who has married here a Burgher's daughter may enjoy the Burghers privilege here without paying for it. After some discussion it is decided in the affirmative, provided he gives notice of it within six weeks after marriage.

Eghbert Beninck coming in says, he has been obliged to pay for his Burgherright and wishes to know, whether he is bound to do, as he has married a Burgher's daughter. The Burgomasters decide, that a man who marries a Burghers daughter, is not bound to pay the Burgher's right and therefore release Eghbert Beninck from the obligation.

The Burgomasters give to Secretary Nevius an inventory of the estate, left by John Capel Carpenter, written in English, and direct him to have it translated, to gather the property with the Concierge and to inquire, whether any more goods, belonging to the deceased, are any where.

Order.

Secretary Joannes Nevius and Concierge Mattheus de Vos are herewith authorized by the Burgomasters to collect the property of John Capel Carpenter, deceased, under inventory, bring it to the house of Metje Wessels and affix notices of the sale thereof.

Order to Jan Gerrisen.

Jan Gerrisen van Buytenhuysen is herewith ordered

by the Burgomasters to deliver with inventory to Isaack Bedlo, with him appointed administrator of the goods, consigned by his brother Jacobus van Buytenhuysen to Andries van Buytenhuysen, his nephew, all the unsold goods, which he has taken to himself; also to give a sufficient account thereof as well as of other property, for properly booking it; to collect the proceeds of the goods sold and send them over by the first ship or if he is unwilling sharper measures will be taken.

Pieter Janzen van de Langestraat* engages himself for the service of the City and has agreed with the Burgomasters to sail as skipper of the City's ship for the salary of 450 fl. in wampum and 50 fl. in beavers including rations.

Friday, September 1, 1662, present (as before).

The pewterer is informed on his appearance, that he must pay for his Burgerright and answers, he is ready to do it, but as he has no beavers he offers to pay in eatables, which the Burgomasters allow on condition that the eatables be valued at beaver price.

Abel Hardenbroeck is told to pay his Burgerright and says, he has no beavers. He is requested to furnish to-day, if possible, a beaver, as the City is in a strait.

Jan Hermzen Backer (baker) requests, that the administrators of Sicx van der Stighelen be ordered, to be satisfied with such pay, as he has to receive

*Langestraat (long street) is a gathering of prosperous villages. between Geertruidenburg and 's Hertogenbosch. Province of North Brabant. Trewen, *Koningrijk der Nederlanden.*

from the administrators of Andries van Buytenhuysen. He is told to wait.

Dirck Keiser is asked, why he refuses to pay wharfage dues. He answers, he must first see a bill of what he is to pay, for he thinks, he gives more than others. The Burgomasters decide, that the Treasurer is not to allow Dirck Keiser to depart, until he has paid the City taxes.

Isaack Bedlo, administrator of the estate of Andries van Buytenhuysen, is asked, how it stands with said estate and he shows, how much cash he has for the furs.

The administrators of the estate of Andries van Buytenhuysen appear and are informed, that Jan Hermsen Backer has reported, he had shipped no goods and as he owes to the estate of Sicx van der Stighelen, while that of Andries van Buytenhuysen owes him, he has requested, that they should take the pay, which he is to receive from the van Buytenhuysen estate. They are therefore asked, whether they will agree to it and answer, they cannot take that responsibility, especially as orders might come from Holland.

Friday, September 23, 1662, present (as before).

Gelein Verplanck appearing delivers a petition, offered to the Director General and Council and the answer thereto concerning a lot, taken from him by the regulating of the streets, for which he wants compensation. The Burgomasters promise to speak about it with the General.

Jan Jelizen Kock reports, he has summoned several persons, who owe for Rattlewatch dues and chimney fees, whereupon the following order is issued; The Burgomasters order every one, who owes to the City for Rattlewatch and chimney dues, to pay the same promptly to Jan Jelissen Kock on pain of execution.

Before the Board appears Raghel van Tienhoven, from whom Jan Jelissen Kock demands on behalf of the City 22 fl. for Rattlewatch and chimney dues. She says, she had thought the chimney dues had been remitted and is told, everybody has to pay them. She produces a bill against the City, which having been examined, the Burgomasters tell her, that the City has not received as many bricks, as she charges for and that only 4000 bricks have been used for the two chimneys of the guardhouse. They agree to pay the bill, when corrected.

Burger Jorizen asks for an accounting with the City and is told, to come to the President's house in the afternoon, where the accounting shall be made and he be satisfied.

Evert Duyckingh wishes to know, where he is to receive his pay for making the windows for the City.

Order to the Treasurer.

As the Burgomasters have learned, that Mr. Allard Anthony, the Treasurer of this City, intends to go to the Virginias by the first ship, he is herewith directed by them, to give them, before his departure, an account in due form of his administration of the City's domain. Done etc.

Wednesday, October 4, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift, Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant and Treasurer Allard Anthony.

Gerrit Hendricksen van Harderwyck* appearing, the Treasurer demands from him 2950 fl., whereupon he shows, what he has paid with the following drafts:

fl. 15.—	fl. 25.—	fl. 36. 5	fl. 42.—	fl. 100.—
15.—	24.5	20.—	20.—	152.—
70.—	80.—	57.15	14.—	20.—
48.—	20.—	16. 5	30.—	20.—
30.—	25.—	36. 5	32.—	129.18
114.—	42.—	52.10	25.—	30.—
31. 5	66.—	60.—	61.11	48.15
46.18	29.14	35.14	100.—	38.—
20.—	44.—	25.—	28.—	40.—
	50.16	30.—	198.—	14.10
390.3	11. 5	22.10	12.10	41.18
		42.12	10.—	26. 5
	418.—		30. 5	
		424.16		fl. 661.6
			603.6	390.3
				418.—
				424.16
				603. 6
				fl. 2497.11
				196. 5
				60.—
				10.—
				fl. 2763.16
				15.—
				fl. 2748.16

* Harderwyck is a city in the Province of Guelderland encompassed with walls in 1299 by Count Otto II.

Friday, November 3, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Olof Stevensen van Cortlant.

Answered to the petition of Hillengond Joris: Petitioner is provisionally allowed by the City a yearly salary of 100 fl. in current money.

The sworn butchers come in and showing their instructions they ask for an increase of pay. Having received the instructions and the written request the Burgomasters amplify the former and order, that nobody shall slaughter any animal within this City's jurisdiction, but such persons, as live here and have taken the oath of allegiance, but everybody may take some one of the Burghers and inhabitants to assist him, provided that a sworn butcher is present at the slaughtering and they are not allowed to take an assistant from outside this jurisdiction, unless they first inform thereof the Burgomasters and report to the Secretary. They may demand and receive as follows:

For an ox or cow	5 fl.
" " calf or pig	2 "
" " sheep or goat	1 "
" smaller animals pro rata.	

Jan Ariaanzen, shipwright, asks pay for making the City's barge. Having received his bill the Burgomasters say, he must wait, until the case between the City and Ryck Hendricksen has been decided by the Council.

On the request of Joost Goderus it is decided,

that the porters of the Weighhouse shall each pay weekly into the common fund 8 stivers and the unwilling twice as much, alias . . .

The foreman Joost Goderus is ordered to put every week for account of each of the porters 8 stivers into the common fund.

Frans Barensen Pastoor asks for his Burgherright. The Burgomasters grant the request, provided he pays all taxes connected with it. Then considering the services, done by petitioner for the City, the amount is reduced to 30 fl. in wampum.

Friday, November 17, 1662, present (as before).

Lodowyck Pos, Captain of the Rattlewatch, entering is informed, that his men do not go to their proper places for calling and that the people on Pearl Street complain about it. He answers, they always call at the first entrance of Pearl Street and that Jan Dircksen Schilder (the painter) and Jan Euersen Bout are unwilling to pay, so that they may not call there. Lodowyck Pos is told, to see, that they make their rounds properly.

Jan Gerrizen van Buytenhuysen submits a letter, dated August 31, 1662, from his brother, saying the brother transfers the property, left by the nephew Andries van Buytenhuysen to him, Jan, to be sold to the best advantage. Having read the letter the Burgomasters allow him to take possession of the goods and to dispose of them for the benefit of his brother; they direct also, that the bills, books and

papers shall be given to him, as soon as Isaack Bedlo comes.

Asser Levy and Eghbert Meindersen, sworn butchers of this City, entering say, that their pay for slaughtering is not sufficient and they ask for an increase. The Burgomasters allow the petitioners to charge for each large animal, ox or cow, under six years 5 fl. and over six years 6 fl., but for the slaughtering of other animals not more, than prescribed on November 3^{d} last.

Abraham Lucena appearing reports, that he has been asked to pay three beavers for Burgherright. He says, he does no business here and has only come on his way to Holland, but if he remains he will pay. The Burgomasters excuse him this time.

Metje Greveraat is informed she must pay her Burgherright. She says, she cannot as yet do it. The Burgomasters give her two to three months time.

Frans Barenzen Pastoor asks for permission occasionally to slaughter an animal and sell it by the pound or quarter for the convenience of everybody. Granted, provided he takes the necessary oath.

Friday, December 1, 1662, present (as before).

Mattheus de Vos brings in deposit the money, received from the sale of John Capel Carpenter's property, to-wit

for sugar sold	fl. 520. 1.12
for his clothing etc.	111.19.—
	632—12.

Jacob Jansen Huys, skipper of the ship the *Vergulden Vos* (Gilded Fox) produces a power of attorney from the creditors of Sicx van der Stighelen and a bill, dated December 17, 1660, from Isaack Bernaarts for 1345 fl. 17., including expenses and acknowledged in writing as correct by Sicx van der Stighelen on the same day, as having received the aforesaid sum from said Bernaarts. The administrators of said estate are informed, that Jacob Jansen Huys has such a power of attorney and are asked, how the estate stands, which they show, reporting some as unwilling to pay. The Burgomasters order them to summon before the Court of this City the unwilling parties. Jacob Jansen Huys returning is informed, the administrators report, that there is no ready money and that they have been directed to summon the parties, unwilling to pay.

Cornelis Janzen of Hoorn* asks by petition for the appointment as sworn butcher in this City, which is granted and he has taken the usual oath.

Frans Barenzen Pastoor has, in consequence of the order, given him November 3d last past, promised

*There are five places called Hoorn in the United Province: 1, a village on the Island of Texel, 2, on the Island of Terschelling, 3, the old West Frisian capital on a bay of the Zuyder Zee, 4, a hamlet in the neighborhood of Delft, South Holland, 5, a village in the Province of Groningen.

under oath not to slaughter any animal before first having duly reported it.

Wernaar Wessels and Joost Goderus entering, the first requests, as the wine and liquid goods, brought by the ship *Vos* (Fox) have not been reported to him, that the porters of the Weighhouse be ordered to do so. Thereupon Joost Goderus says, Nicolaas Verlett had told him, if the Farmer of the wine and beer excise had anything to say, he should call him. The Burgomasters order Joost Goderus to do, as Wernaar Wessels requests.

Carsten Carstenzen and Ariaan Andriezen have taken the oath of office as Rattlewatchmen, Carsten having been engaged on the 13th of November and Andries on the 23d ditto of this year.

Friday, December 22, 1662, present (as before).

Lodowyck Pos and Ariaan Andriezen entering, said Ariaan is informed, that he still is in debt for his Burgerright and that the Treasurer is to deduct from his pay as watchman what he owes. He says, he thinks, as he has been a long time in the Company's service, he ought to be exempted from paying for the Burgherright. The Burgomasters decide, that Ariaan Andriezen shall pay 30 fl. for the Burgherright, for which purpose the Treasurer is to deduct from his salary six florins monthly, until said sum is paid.

Bartholdus Maan and Hans Dreper come as creditors of Barent Cruitdorp and report, that they have

received a letter from said Cruitdorp, in which he informs them, that he will be here in the month of January or February and as the Court has ordered, that his house and lot be sold under execution by the Concierge (Sheriff's officer), they request, the execution may be deferred a month or six weeks. The Burgomasters decide, as the Concierge is not able, being sick, that the execution shall be suspended for a month or until he is better.

Monday, January 22, 1663, present (as before).

Before the Board appears the Treasurer Allard Anthony, who is informed by the Burgomasters, what claim each of them has on the City on his private account, to-wit Mr. Olof Stevensen van Cortlant 194 fl. 3. and Mr. van der Grift 33 fl. 18. in beavers and 96 fl. 6. in wampum. They deliver their accounts to the Treasurer for credit in the City's books.

Paulus van de Beeck produces a bill against the City and a draft of Mr. Johan de Decker on the Treasurer.

On February 3 a warrant to act as Treasurer of this City, conform to that of 1659, was issued out to Mr. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.

Friday, February 16, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant and Marten Cregier.

This day the Burgomasters made and submitted to the Director General and Council the following nomination:

Honorouble, Valiant Gentlemen.

Whereas Mr. Marten Cregier and Pieter van Couwenhoven, late Orphanmasters of this City, have been elected by you, one to be Burgomaster, the other Schepen, in consequence whereof the places of Orphanmasters are vacant, therefore the Burgomasters submit to you a double number, to-wit

Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift
Allard Anthony
Joannes van Brugh
Joannes de Peister

from which we request to elect such, as you deem fit. Done at Amsterdam in New Netherland, February 16, 1663.

Friday, March 2, 1663, present (as before).

This day the books and papers of the City's finances were delivered to the Treasurer Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift with an inventory thereof.

Burgomaster Marten Cregier reports, that Jan Jelissen Kock asks for an increase of salary. The Burgomasters give him besides his pay 50 fl.

Friday, March 9, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant, Marten Cregier and Treasurer Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.

Abraham Janzen, the carpenter, coming in, he is

requested to make a model or a plan for a sluice to be put in at Joghimn (Joachim) the shoemakers.

Pieter Janzen of Langestraat makes a contract with the Burgomasters to sail as skipper of the City's ship, doing also all work, as discharging and taking in freight, for which he is to receive monthly 40 fl. in wampum and one beaver or the value thereof.

Saturday, March 18, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant and Marten Cregier.

Mr. Allard Anthony appearing, he is informed, that the Director General and Council have, on March 8, elected him and Joannes van Brugh to be Orphanmasters; he is therefore installed in the office and the following warrant was given him:

Whereas according to an extract of the Register of Resolutions of the Director General and Council, dated March 8 a. c., Mr. Allard Anthony, late Burgomaster, and Mr. Joannes van Brugh, late Schepen, have, upon the nomination of the Burgomasters, been elected Orphanmasters in place of the outgoing, therefore said Messrs. Allard Anthony and Joannes van Brugh are herewith requested and authorized to enter upon and serve, with Mr. Cornelis Steenwyck, in the office as Orphanmasters. Done at Amsterdam in N. N.

Pieter Janzen van de Langhstraat and Gerrit Pieterzen come in; the latter having entered the City's service, to sail with Pieter Jansen on the

City's ship, a monthly salary of 50 fl. is allowed him.

Friday, April 13, 1663, present (as before).

Lodowyck Pos appears and is informed, that complaints are made over the Rattlewatch for sometimes not calling in three or four hours and not keeping order. Most of the watchmen also coming in, the same is told them and they are ordered to pay better attention to their duties.

Rollof Janzen of Meppelen*, enrolled in the Rattlewatch, has taken the oath of office.

The Captain of the Rattlewatch, Lodowyck Pos, is herewith authorized and directed by the Burgomasters to make every eight or fourteen day a change of who of the watchmen is to go with whom and to order them, that they shall arrest such, as quarrel or are noisy on the Strand (Pearl Str.), bring them to the City Hall and keep them there until next day and then report to the Burgomasters through their Captain for punishment according to circumstances. The watchmen are further to regulate themselves according to instructions.

Abraham Kermel wishes to know, where he may have the patent as he has paid for the lot, bought from the City.

Secretary Cornelis van Ruyven is herewith requested by the Burgomasters to issue out to

* Meppel, a prosperous, open city in the Province of Drenthe, already known in the 12th century.

Abraham Kermel a patent for the lot, bought from the City, according to measurement by the sworn surveyor Jacques Corteljau.

Cornelis Barenzen van der Kuyl (of the cave) entering, produces an order of April 9, 1660, wherein consent is given, that he may demand and receive four stivers for counting 1000 bricks or tiles. He requests, that the fee be increased and that he may demand it from the skipper. The Burgomasters allow, that he may charge six stivers for the thousand of bricks or tiles, coming from the Fatherland or elsewhere to this City, the skipper or the importer paying the fees.

Friday, April 20, 1663, present (as before).

Adolf Pieterzen and Aldert Coninck are appointed overseers (*buyrmeesters*), who are to see that the High (Stone) Street be properly made higher and passable. The people living on High Street are directed, each to raise and improve the street before his house and lot.

The Burgomasters consider it necessary, to write a letter to Jacob Jansen Flodder, wherein he is to be informed, that he must line up the bank before his lot next to Daniel Litsco, as his neighbours there suffer great damage or else, if he fails to do it, it shall be done by the City and the expenses recovered from the lot.

The people living between the first bridge and the shore are directed, not to put earth beyond the

posts set and to improve the street, so that people may drive and walk over it and to further this work Jacob Kip, Joannes Verveelen and Coenraat ten Eyck are appointed overseers.

Friday, May 18, 1663, present (as before).

Cornelis Barenzen van der Kuyl, Andries Andriezen and Cornelis Tamboer (the drummer) are asked, whether they will become City's servants and what pay they would want. They answer Yes and demand 3 fl. 10 st. per day, but make a contract with the Burgomasters for 3 fl. daily.

The Underschout Resolveert Waldron reports, that pursuant to order he has brought Jan Ariaansen to the jail, because a considerable sum of money and four beavers were found on him, although he lives on charity.

Certificate.

We, the Burgomasters and Rulers of the City of Amsterdam in New Netherland, herewith certify and declare, that before us appeared Mr. Paulus Leendersen van der Grift, late Burgomaster and now Treasurer here, who stated, that there is due him from Jacob Me Vrindt. living at or near the South River,* the sum of 188 fl. in beavers on a note, in the hands of Sieur Hendrick Kip junior, and that he has authorized said Kip by power of attorney to collect said sum; this attorney having spoken to said Jacob Me Vrindt. he said, he did not intend to pay, unless

* Delaware River.

he could have better proof. Therefore said deponent has truly declared before us, that the debt and the note are honest. In testimony of the truth we have confirmed this by our seal. Done at Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Friday, May 25, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. Pieter Tonneman, Marten Cregier and Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant.

Before the Board appeared Otte Gerrits, the son of Gerrit Hendricksen of Harderwyck, who was urged to pay close attention to the excise and not to let the Treasurer run short of funds.

Aldert Coninck and Adolf Pietersen, overseers of the High (Stone) Street, are directed to do their duty in improving the street.

Lodowyck Pos, Captain of the Rattlewatch, is ordered to procure an honest man, who will take the place of Leendert Arends' son on the Rattlewatch.

The overseers of bread are asked, whether they have inspected the bread. Upon their answering No, they are asked why not? and say, because they have no scale. They are requested to do their duty.

Hillegond Joris, midwife, asked about the case of Abigail Verplanck, reports, that the wife of Cornelis Gerlofsen was with Abigail, when she was delivered, but she cannot tell, who the midwife was nor who the father of the child is, also that Jeremias Jansen and others had conversation with her.

Friday, June 8 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. Marten Cregier, Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant and Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.

Claas Janzen Verbraack and Hendrick Arenzen Spaanjaart are told they must purchase their Burgherright. Having asked for and received it, they give a bond, wherein they promise to pay on their return from the South.

Frerick Flipsen requests permission, by virtue of a mortgage and in consequence of a judgment, to sell under execution the brewing utensils of Jacob van Couwenhoven, whereupon he is told, to submit his request to the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens at their next session.

Tryntje van Campen* requests, that her husband may be appointed lock-tender. She is told, there was no salary attached to it, as the City receives no revenue from the lock.

Jan Hermzen Windorp is informed, that he is bound, again to purchase his Burgherright and cannot go to Fort Orange or elsewhere, before he has not paid the City taxes.

Van Rys is told, to buy his Burgherright and says, he has brought some goods, partly consigned to him, partly to Arent van Corlaar.

Order to the Firewardens.

As some persons have taken some of the fire-

* Kampen, Province of Over Yssel. is one of the oldest cities of the Netherlands, having had a charter before 1233 and being able to send colonists to North Beveland, Zeeland, in 1172.

ladders of the City and did not bring them back to the place, whence they have taken them, therefore the Burgomasters hereby order and direct the Firewardens to search for said ladders, lock them up with the others at the prescribed place back of the City Hall and take good care of them. They are also authorized to hire them out, on condition that the renter pays for the use of them each time 6 stivers for the repair of said ladders. Done etc.

Whereas the Heere Graft* has by the Burgomasters and Rulers of this City been put in good condition by making a good lock and repairing the old one, that it may retain the water to prevent the unbearable stench at low water and whereas said graft is very foul and muddy, therefore the Burgomasters direct every resident along the same to dig out and carry away two feet in depth of the mud and the overseers of the graft are ordered to have it done. Done etc.

Friday, June 12, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. Marten Cregier, Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant and the Officer Pieter Tonneman.

The wife of Hendrick Coutrie appearing, she is told, the Burgomasters had learned, that she sold in retail; therefore she is bound to purchase the Burgherright. She answers, it was given to her husband by the Director General: asked, whether she had not given something for it to the General,

* Broad Street.

she says, her husband has painted the portrait of his Honour and drawn pictures of his sons.

Dirck Keiser is told, as he has been absent from here four consecutive months, he is bound, agreeably to the privileges of this City, read to him, again to purchase the Burgherright. He answers, that he has had the lease of the house until now, paying heavy rent for it. Taking this into consideration the Burgomasters allow him to pay 20 fl. and keep the Burgherright.

Jan Hendricksen van Baal is informed of the privileges of the City and says, he has a clerk at Fort Orange, who keeps there fire and light during his absence, which he offers, if required, to confirm under oath or to give other information about it.

Pieter Sinkamp appearing is told, that, as he has given up his office, he is bound to pay for his Burgherright; then he is allowed to have it for 30 fl. in wampum, with which he is satisfied, promising to pay it in fourteen days or thereabout.

Order to the Treasurer.

Whereas Jan Hermzen Windorp and Gerrit Reyersen have been summoned by the Burgomasters to pay for their Burgherright and have not appeared, therefore Mr. Paulus Leendersen van der Grift, Treasurer of this City, is ordered, not to allow said persons to leave this place, unless they pay.

Thursday, June 14, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. Martin Cregier and Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant.

The Burgomasters resolve to send the following order to the Captain of the City Trainbands:

Whereas Lucas Andriezen and Rut Jacobsen, both skippers here arrived from Fort Orange, have brought the distressing news, that Indians, the natives of this country, have massacred, captured and carried away many Christians at the Esopus,* so that the Company has had to send most of the soldiers in garrison here to that place, while the situation requires, that good watch be kept and care be taken, therefore the Burgomasters request and direct the Captains and principal officers here to order, that henceforth every evening a non-commissioned officer with a sufficient number of men with hand and side arms, shall go on guard for the night at the Landgate, that sentries are posted, rounds made and all done, that you will consider necessary, until further orders. You are authorized to fine those who do not report for duty, pursuant to the formerly prescribed orders and rules, and to levy the fines by execution, as the Council of War shall decide. Done at the session of the Burgomasters of Amsterdam in New Netherland, June 14, 1663.

* For the Esopus War see Vols. II. and XIV. Documents relating to the Colonial History of N. Y.

Friday, June 15, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. Marten Cregier, Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant and Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.

Barentje, the wife of Jan Ariaansen, is ordered to pay 5 fl., her arrears for the Rattlewatch.

Jacobus Vis is herewith ordered by the Burgomasters to pay within twice 24 hours 23 fl. Rattlewatch dues on pain of execution.

Willem Doeckles is ordered, to pay his Rattlewatch dues next week.

Friday, June 22, 1663, present Messrs. Marten Cregier and Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant.

This day the Burgomasters, through Lodowyck Pos, the Marshall, issued to each Burgher Company fifty pounds of powder, altogether one hundred and fifty.

Tuesday, July 10, 1663, present (as before).

Cornelis Barenzen, Abraham Kermel, Albert Leenderzen and Frans Janzen of Amsterdam appearing, they are told, that the Trainbands have taken the place of the Rattlewatch, they are therefore asked, if it should happen, that some troubles should be caused here or in the surrounding villages, whether then they would be willing to go on an expedition in the service of the City. They answer Yes, provided, that they would be rewarded if wounded, and they agreed upon 5 fl. for each time. They are further provided with hand and side arms

and promise to turn out by day or night upon the command of the Burgomasters or the officers, commanding in their name.

To the Right Honourable Director General and Council of New Netherland.

Noble, Right Honourable Gentlemen.

With due respect the Burgomasters submit, that D^e^ Aegidius Luyck has hitherto zealously instructed in the Latin tongue the youths of this and other places, in which they have made good progress to the satisfaction of their parents, but said Luyck has not yet heard, what your Honours have allowed him as recompensation for his labours, therefore he presents to you to-day a petition to that effect, because upon your recommendation and our letter of last year to the Lords Directors he was requested to take the place of the late Rector Curtius as master of the Latin school with such a salary, as the Lords Directors would please to allow him, of which he has not yet been informed, that any disposition has been made.

Perceiving the good instruction and discipline of the young people we therefore consider ourselves in duty bound, humbly to request your Honours, that you will please to give a favourable answer to his petition, allowing him such a salary, as in your wisdom you shall deem adequate, so that petitioner's zeal may not abate to the detriment of your and our children and of the youths of this and other places

but may increase in the length of time to the glory and renown of this City among our neighbours and elsewhere. Hoping you will consider this, our just request and please to give said Luyck a fair, regular salary, we shall consider ourselves much obliged and remain your Honours obedient subjects

The Burgomasters of the City.

Beneath stood: By their order Joannes Nevius, Secretary, Amsterdam in N. N., August 16, 1663. Marginal rescript thereon: The Director General and Council agree with the petitioners, that the continuation and promotion of the Latin school, is necessary; and whereas it is customary in the Fatherland, that such persons are engaged by the City, where they are to teach, petitioners are hereby authorized to give to said Domine Luyck such a salary, as they shall consider right. The Director General and Council will, subject to the approval of the Lords Directors, provisionally pay one half. Done at Fort Amsterdam in N. N. August 16, 1663.

By order of the Director General and Council
C. v. Ruyven, Secretary.

Friday, September 7, 1663, present (as before).

This day the Burgomasters delivered to the Director General and Council the nominations for Orphanmaster vice Joannes Pietersen van Brugh, as follows:

Honourable, Valiant Gentlemen.

Whereas Mr. Joannes van Brugh, Orphanmaster of this City, has gone to the Fatherland and it is necessary to fill the vacancy, therefore the Burgomasters, to whom your Honours have been pleased to refer the nomination, submit the following two names, viz:

Govert Loockermans
Jeronimus Ebbinck

and request, that you will from them elect the one, whom you consider best. Done etc.

The Burgermasters decide, that the measurer of corn and lime shall measure all grain and lime. The Burgomasters also resolve, that the Schout, Burgomasters and Schepens in office shall receive yearly the sum of 25 fl. instead of being exempted from the excise on wine, beer and meat.

Friday, September 14, 1663, present (as before).

Upon the request of Teunis Cray ordered: Petitioner is granted the measuring of apples, carrots? (vuyen) and turnips, also the office of harbourmaster and instructions shall be given him as soon as possible.

Friday, September 21, 1663, present (as before).

Before the Board appear Barent Jacobzen Cool, Tousein Bryeel, Crein Jacobzen and Isaack Abraham, public porters, who are directed to obey their instructions and as Joost Goderus and Frans Jansen

have been discharged, other sober men are to be appointed in their places and Barent Jacobzen Cool is elected foreman vice Joost Goderus.

Answer to the petition of Nicolaas du Puis, requesting to be appointed public porter: The request is granted. He has taken the oath of fidelity before the presiding Burgomaster to-day.

The Burgomasters resolve, to add to the instructions of the porters the following sections:

No money, earned from the merchants, shall be collected here on Sunday, but on Saturday or the following Monday, on a fine of 3 fl. payable by the foreman.

Every week 8 stivers shall be put into the common fund, to be retained by the foreman from the most ready cash.

Friday, December 28, 1663, present (as before).

Jacob Swart petitions for the appointment of public porter. This being granted by the Burgomasters and the instructions having been read to him, he promises to regulate himself accordingly, whereupon the oath was administered to him. Endorsed on his petition: The request is granted.

Copy.

We, the Burgomasters and Rulers of the City of N. Yorck on Manathans Island, herewith certify and declare, that before us appeared Sieur Walewyn van der Veen, now about to sail for the Fatherland, who at the request of Sieur Jacques Cousseau stated,

that he has made no payment to said Cousseau on behalf of Sieur N. N. and he promises upon safe arrival in *Patria* to give to said N. N. all possible satisfaction. In witness whereof this has been signed at N. Yorck on Manathans Island on the $\frac{9}{19}$ December 1664.*

NB. This certificate was issued in triplicate to 1st Corn. Schut, 2d to Wouter Elser, 3d to Isaack de Sterre.

Friday, January 4, 1664, present (as before).

Before the Board appeared Antony de Milt and Eghbert Meinderzen, Farmer of the slaughter excise, concerning a difference, they have about paying the excise on a head of cattle, which Antony says, he has bought for beavers in the presence of Mattheus de Vos and Cristoffel Hooglant. Eghbert says, he knows nothing of the witnesses. Having heard both parties, the Burgomasters decide, that on what has been bought for beavers the excise must be paid in beavers conform with the conditions.

This day the Burgomasters and Officer Pieter Tonneman settled, what the Officer must turn over to the City of the fines received by him.

Friday, February 8, 1664, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Cornelis Steenwyck.

* Entered in the wrong place.

This day was delivered to Mr. Oloff Stevensen van Cortlant his commission as Treasurer in the usual form and all books and papers concerning his office.

Tuesday, February 19, 1664, present (as before).

This day Abraham Lubberzen has been engaged as constapel (gunner) by the Burgomasters and they agreed upon a monthly salary of 40 fl. in wampum and one month been settled.

The Burgomasters also agreed with Jan Boeckhout, Gerrit Jansen from Arnhem and Jacob Keeren for making eighty eight gabions, to-wit thirty two 4½ feet high and wide, thirty two 3½ feet wide and 5 feet high, and twenty eight 6 feet high and 4¼ wide, for which they are to receive, as they demand, 35 stivers apiece and besides half a barrel of good beer, on condition that they themselves cut the wood. It is further stipulated that the gabions shall be strong and good, which they agree to do, the Burgomasters agreeing to pay for the carting.

Wednesday, February 20, 1664, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift, Cornelis Steenwyck and Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant.

This day the Board resolved, to submit to the Director General and Council the following request:

To the Honourable Director General and Council of New Netherland

Honourable, Valiant Gentlemen

Show with due respect your Honours' faithful subjects, the Burgomasters of this City, that they know by experience, all wars and troubles, caused to us by our neighbours of the English nation are based upon the desire, to plunder our City or obtain booty, knowing those, who regularly receive commodities from the Fatherland and who have them and all New Netherland would then be lost, for no other place could resist a considerable force. This capital, where your Honours good and faithful inhabitants, mostly Dutchmen, have at their own expense built so many fine houses, that it surpasses nearly every other place in these parts of North America; where there is a garrison of three complete companies of militia, should therefore be properly fortified in the manner, to be explained hereafter, and be made so formidable to evilminded neighbours or the savages not only by her strength, which the City naturally has by favourable location, that it might cause malevolent neighbours to fear it and reflect: it would then also considerably secure both rivers, East and North, making them safe for help to come, as a road to retreat or go to the assistance of so many villages, hundred of farms,with houses, grain, lands, cattle and nearly ten thousand souls, mostly Dutchmen and some Frenchmen, who in the course of years and with God's blessing may grow into a great people in this so favourably situated Province, where thousands of acres of land are still uninhabited and untilled, which

might even become a place of refuge, if, God prevent it, our Netherlands should be visited by cruel wars, civil or with outside nations, or it might be the granary for our Fatherland in case of failure of the Eastern crops or a prohibition of trade by the Northern kings and princes.

We have made an estimate, that in these troublous and dangerous times about eight thousand schepels of winter grain are in the ground, besides the large quantity of summer grain, rye, pease, oats, barley, buckwheat and others to be sown yet, from which we may expect an abundance of cereals, which will increase, if your subjects can live in peace: we may even expect to become the staple of commerce for our Fatherland by the planting of tobacco, hemp, flax and other necessities, which as you know, grow well here, and we maintain, that next to God the only salvation of this country after the boundary question has been settled,* lies in the fortification of this place by a bastion at the East Rivergate, pallisades closely set through the water to the round bulwark before the City Hall, from there pallisades to the Kapsken,† where a waterbattery should be built, to protect from there the East and North Rivers and specially the City and the port, then again pallisades to prevent a landing to about half way up the North River to a bastion, which is to protect the part as far

* See for this "Documents rel. to the Colonial History of the State of New York."

† Where Castle Garden now stands.

as the North West bastion, to be built with a wing of closely set pallisades, running down to the river and well protected against the floating ice ; from there on the land a strong stone wall with two bastions as far as the East River gate, again with a wing into the river. Then we trust with God's help to be well prepared for our ill wishing neighbours and the now revolting English villages, who will then not dare to think, as they now do, 'that is our place, though governed by their High Mightinesses' and summon it with only two hundred men, horse and foot, like the villages on Long Island, some of which have been owned and inhabited by Dutchmen under the Company for 30 to 40 years. Knowing our City so well fortified, garrisoned by three militia companies and some soldiers, we could with two hundred men in ships ruin all their places as far as Cape Codt, because all their villages are open and it is almost impossible to fortify them : thereby not only this, our City, but also all villages and farms would be safe against them. But to build these fortifications it would require a large sum of money and we know, that your Honours can now not spare any money, as on account of the Indian war the funds are low ; it is also not possible to burden the inhabitants of this City with more taxes, than have already been imposed, for, as you are well aware, they grow daily poorer. However in this pressing necessity we promise to spend the whole of the City's income on the fortifications and to raise among the merchants

and richest Burghers and inhabitants as much on interest as we can obtain, or may be needed, if in a year from now you will allow us, for the better security of the creditors, to receive the innkeepers or tapsters' impost here until the money, raised on interest, shall have ben paid with the interest and not longer. Trusting, that your Honours will consent to this as for the best of the country, the more so, if you will remember the conditions, granted by government to the City of Amsterdam in Europe, to-wit that for building the fortifications at the South River they may receive one half of the customs' dues besides all other common taxes in the places there, as tapsters' and other excise, taking away from the Company and the faithful subjects of their High Mightinesses their privileges by the prohibition of trading with either neighbours or barbarians in the South and thereby greatly diminishing the Company's and this City's income, we herewith request for from a year hence only the tapsters' excise and not longer, than until the money raised has been paid back with interest, of which we shall always give you a correct account, hoping so to instigate the well-inclined inhabitants, that we shall have plenty of money. We await your Honours favourable answer and remain Your humble servants

The Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in New Netherland

Signed: P. L. van der Grift, Cornelis Steenwyck.

Answer *in margine:*

The Director General and Council consent to the request, except that besides the tapsters' excise granted, which shall begin in May 1665, from that date on the present and future revenues of the City shall be bonded for the payment of the money to be raised and that the fortifications shall be planned and made with the knowledge and approval of the Director General and Council. Done at Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, February 21, 1664. Signed: P. Stuyvesant. Beneath stood: by their order C. v. Ruyven, Secretary.

To the Honourable Director General and Council of N. N. Honourable, Valiant Gentlemen.

Pursuant to our request of February 21 last we have called before us the wealthiest inhabitants and informed them of what your Honours were pleased to allow us and as we find, that about 30,000 fl. in wampum at the rate of eight white or four black beads to a stiver, at 10% annual interest, have been subscribed for the fortifying of this City, therefore we herewith request that before we receive any money at interest the Director General and Council will please to give us a sealed warrant, showing that the impost on wine and beer, to be sold by the tapsters here from May 1665, shall be paid to and remain in the hands of the Burgomasters, until the money raised and to be raised for building the fortifications of the City shall have been paid with interest, it

being well understood, that the City's income shall be used for the same purpose and other necessaries. Awaiting your Honours' favourable answer we remain

Amsterdam in N. N. Your humble servants
Febry 26, 1664. The Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N.

Upon the foregoing request the Burgomasters have received from the Director General and Council the sealed warrant, of which copy follows here:

Having received and read the request of the Burgomasters of this City and heard their verbal propositions concerning the fortifying of this place, the Director General and Council have allowed, as they herewith do, to said Burgomasters the tapsters' excise on wine and beer, to be consumed within the jurisdiction of this City from the last day of May, 1665, until the money, to be borrowed and raised for said work, shall have been paid with interest, on condition that for the same purpose the City's revenues shall be bonded like the excise; all this is granted pursuant to the request and answer thereto of February 21 last, it being well understood that the monthly salaries of the City Messenger and other such employes, the sustenance of the negroes, etc. and other necessary expenses shall be paid out of the revenues. In witness whereof and for its further confirmation this has been signed by us and

the provincial seal in red wax has been attached at Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland March 6, 1664, Signed: P. Stuyvesant. Beneath stood: By their order C. v. Ruyven, Secretary. At the side was impressed the seal in red wax.

Friday, March 7, 1664, at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Cornelis Steenwyck.

Before the Board appear some men, who offer to cut wood for the pallisades and to whom the following conditions are read:

Upon the following conditions the Burgomasters intend to contract for the cutting of a large number of pallisades, to-wit:

The pallisades are to be of oakwood, 13 feet long and at the thin end 8 inches square with true edges, that is at least 8 inches across for 1000 pallisades, 2400 feet as ribs, one third 7 inches square, two thirds 7 inches by 4, all to be delivered near the stump at a place convenient to haul them: they may be thicker, but not thinner and at least 1000 pieces together round wood and not split.

On these conditions they demand 60 fl. per hundred and are offered 40 fl.; after some talk, they say, they cannot do it for less and the Burgomasters promise 60 fl., whereupon the job was accepted by Hermen Hellingh, Jan Blenck, Jan Clasen from Old Lesenter (?) and Matthys Dircksen from Stockholm, who have signed a contract and asked for an advance

to buy victuals: they are promised 10 fl. each as soon as they are ready to go to work.

This day Hendrick Lambersen Mol has agreed to quarry for the City 30 to 40 scows full of rocks, for which he demands and is promised 18fl. in wampum the scow; he is to begin at the end of next week.

Wednesday, March 12, 1664, at the City Hall present Mr. Paulus Leendersen van der Grift.

The Burgomaster produces the election, made by the Director General and Council upon the verbal nomination by the Burgomasters of March 10 last for Churchwarden, as which Mr. Nicasius de Sille has been confirmed, to whom the following warrant was given:

Whereas according to an extract from the Minutes of the Director General and Council of March 10, 1664, the Hon^{ble} Nicasius de Sille has been confirmed as Churchwarden, to serve with Sieur Govert Loockermanns, therefore said de Sille is herewith requested and authorized by the Burgomasters to enter upon the duties as Churchwarden during the coming year and perform them with said Govert Loockermans. Done at Amsterdam in New Netherland March 12, 1664. By Order etc.

This day, March 12, 1664, Mr. Govert Loockermans, Old Churchwarden, having been called before the Burgomasters to render account of the administration of the Church money, appears and says, that he has never had the key of the money box or kept

account, but that the key has always up to date been in the hands of Mr. Johan de Decker and his attorney François Boon, therefore he cannot render account, but Mr. de Decker may, who has had the administration of the money and of the property of the Church. Whereas Mr. Loockermans is continued as Churchwarden by the Director General and Council, he requests, that the money and the property of the Church may be delivered to him under inventory.

Monday, March 17, 1664 at the City Hall present Messrs. Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift and Aornelis Steenwyck.

This day Andries Andriessen has engaged himself in the City's service to sail on the City's ship and do what other work there may be and which he may be ordered to do, for which he shall receive, what he demands, i. e. 3 fl. 10 st. in wampum daily.

Pieter Janzen van de Langestraat has also this day engaged himself as skipper of the City's ship and to do all other work in discharging and taking in freight, for which he shall receive 800 fl. and besides for each voyage, when he discharges here a full freight of the vessel, 4 fl. also in wampum.

To the Honourable Director General and Council of New Netherland

Honourable Gentlemen.

Show with all respect the Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N., that they have called

before them Govert Loockermans, Churchwarden of this City, to render an account of his administration of the Church property and turn over the cash, whereupon said Loockermans said, that he had never had the key of the cash box nor kept accounts, but that the Hon^ble^ Johan de Decker had them, while he was here, and upon his removal had given them to his attorney François Boon; that consequently said Mr. de Decker had to give an account. Whereas the Church money and property is still in the charge of François Boon, as attorney of Johan de Decker, while said Govert Loockermans has been continued by your Honours as Old Churchwarden, we humbly request that the property and money be turned over to him and Mr. Nicasius de Sille, by you elected Churchwarden with him, under inventory, so that the necessary repairs of the Church may be made. It is our respectful request, that said Francois Boon may be ordered by your Honours to turn over said money and property under inventory to said Messrs. Nicasius de Sille and Govert Loockermans, which doing we remain

Your Honour's humble servants

The Burgomasters of the City aforesaid.

Marginal order:

Fiat quod petitur. François Boon is requested, at sight hereof, to deliver to the Hon^ble^ Nicasius de Sille, and Sieur Govert Loockermans, the present Churchwardens, the money and accounts of the Church, left with him by the Hon^ble^ Johan de Decker.

Done at Fort Amsterdam in N. N. March 18, 1664.
By order etc. C. v. Ruyven, Secretary.

Honourable Valiant Gentlemen.

Whereas the Hon^{ble} Cornelis Steenwyck, late Orphanmaster, has by your Honours been elected Burgomaster of this City and it is therefore necessary to fill the vacancy, the Burgomasters submit to you a double number, to-wit

Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant
Jacob Strycker,

requesting, that you will from them elect whom you think best. Done at Amsterdam in N. N. March 17, 1664.

By order of the Burgomasters
J. N. Secr^{y}.

Extract from the Minutes, kept at the meeting of the Director General and Council of New Netherland, Tuesday, March 18, 1664.

Having received and read the nominations, submitted by the Burgomasters of this City, the Director General and Council selected and confirmed as Orphanmaster in place of the outgoing

Jacob Strycker.

Done at Fort Amsterdam in N. N., date as above. Beneath stood: Agrees with the Minutes, C. v. Ruyven, Secretary.

Whereas according to preceding extract from the Minutes Mr. Jacob Strycker, late Schepen, has been elected Orphanmaster in place of the outgoing, there-

fore he is herewith requested and authorized to enter upon and serve in the office aforesaid with Messrs. Allard Anthony and Govert Loockermans. Done at Amsterdam in N. N. March 21, 1664.

By Order etc.

Oh the 20th of May, 1664, Elsie Jans, wife of Hendrick Joghimsen, late widow of Adriaen Pietersen from Alckmaar, and Jan Jansen van Brestee, as guardian of the minor children of said Adriaen Pietersen, ask by petition for payment of part of the lot, drawn into the Marketfield for the improvement and benefit of the City, seeing that said lot or another in its place is assigned to the children of Adriaen Pietersen as paternal inheritance.

Marginal Order:

Whereas part of the lot of Adriaen Pietersen from Alckmaar has been paid for to Adriaen Dircksen Koe not by the Burgomasters, but by the Director General and Council and building thereon has been forbidden, petitioners are referred to them.

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